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**Southern Gaza excluded from Labour's 'security areas'**

By ROY ISACOWITZ  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The committee preparing the Labour Party's platform for the forthcoming national convention has decided to exclude the southern Gaza Strip from the "security areas" to remain in Israel's hands after a peace agreement with Jordan.

The committee also decided, during a stormy meeting on Sunday night, to omit mention of the Camp David accords in the clause dealing with interim autonomy measures. The clause was reduced to a single sentence reading: "Israel will initiate and discuss interim measures on the path to peace."

Several members gave notice during the meeting, which was attended by Prime Minister Peres and Defence Minister Rabin, that they would appeal the committee's decisions at the convention.

The committee split between hawks and doves on the issue of security borders, with the latter arguing against border specifications. The hawks prevailed, and the platform will specify the northwestern area of the Dead Sea, the Jordan valley, Gush Etzion, and the environs of Jerusalem as remaining under Israeli sovereignty.

Rabin's demand that the platform not mention interim arrangements was overruled.

Strenuous debate is expected at the conference on the status of settlements in the occupied territories following a peace arrangement. A clause guaranteeing the "continued existence and safety" of the settlements after peace, was retained despite strong opposition.

Knesset Speaker Shimon Hilel, a leading hawk, gave notice that he would appeal the decision to omit a clause saying that "in the event of a peace arrangement, the refugee problem will find its solution."

The resolution as a whole differs from its immediate predecessors in that it deals with "peace with Jordan and the Palestinians" as a single entity. In its final version it is consistent with Peres's demand that it be sufficiently broad to encompass all options and not create "unilateral facts."

In one of the document's most important clauses, the Labour party commits itself to initiating "wide-ranging discussions with Palestinians who recognize Israel and reject terror." It does not exclude any Palestinians on the basis of their membership in a political group and does not restrict potential partners to residents of the West Bank and Gaza.

MK Micha Harish, chairman of the diplomatic committee, told *The Jerusalem Post* that there was no significance in the fact that the phrase "territorial compromise" did not appear in the resolution. The party's commitment to territorial compromise was implicit in many of the clauses and the need for the phrase itself had simply not arisen, he said.

**'Many embassy workers don't pay income tax'**

Almost half the Israeli workers employed by foreign embassies do not pay income tax, the Treasury revealed yesterday. It said a study conducted by the tax authorities showed 236 of these 484 workers did not pay income tax.

## Budget balancers make little progress

By AVI TEMKIN  
and ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

A wide range of measures aimed at balancing next year's budget were offered at yesterday's meeting between Prime Minister Peres, Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and the coalition executive. But only one proposal met the executive's complete approval.

The participants agreed to continue the tax on motor vehicles after August, when it is due to expire, but agreed to cut it by one percentage point to 2 per cent a year. The tax, the participants agreed, would make it unnecessary to cut pension benefits and raise the retirement age for women to 65 as originally proposed.

The Treasury had sought, until the coalition executive decided otherwise yesterday, to reduce the seniority payments workers get above their basic National Insurance Institute allowance for each additional year of employment.

A doubling of the \$100 travel tax was rejected by both Peres and Moda'i, although they said that, if Israel's foreign currency reserves begin dropping, the increase might be necessary. The two also rejected a proposed tax on stock exchange transactions, as well as the petrol tax suggested by MK Avraham Shapira (Agudat Yisrael).

Peres, however, said he remained firmly committed to imposing an annual education levy of \$60 or \$120, despite fierce opposition among backbenchers in his own Labour Party, as well as in the Likud.

Likud faction Chairwoman Sara Doron said she and her Alignment counterpart, Rafi Edri, had both concluded that a majority could not be mustered in the Knesset to pass the education levy proposal. She said there was no sense in the government asking the coalition to make a commitment it could not keep.

The Alignment faction heads insisted that some of the money (Continued on Page 9)



The children of Jerusalem's Neve Ya'acov quarter brave yesterday's chilly weather to show off their Purim costumes. (Eliahu Harati)

## Arson suspected in giant matza blaze

By YORAM GAZIT  
For the Jerusalem Post

PETAH TIKVA. — Fire yesterday struck the country's largest matza company for the third time in six weeks, and firefighters and the firm's owners believe arson is behind the string of blazes.

Yesterday's fire at a storeroom of the Matzot Yisrael factory here destroyed 200,000 packages of matza. The country's matza manufacturers intend to keep their plants running three shifts a day to prevent a shortage this Pesach.

A blaze at the same factory six weeks ago destroyed 150,000 pack-

ages of matza, and a fire last week at the same firm's Matzot Aviv plant in Bnei Brak, destroyed another 150,000 packages intended for export.

Israelis normally consume 2 million packages of matza each Pesach.

"The whole thing is very strange. For 30 years nothing happened and then suddenly we have three fires in six weeks. We assume it didn't happen accidentally," David Wolf, one of the owners of Matzot Yisrael Ltd. told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Shmuel Rabin, another owner, added that 10 per cent of the matzot (Continued on Page 9)

## Politicians fight over who will suffer

As the feeling that elections are close grows stronger, "economic growth" has given way to helping political parties and carrying the voter's favour.

Prime Minister Peres wants to impose a levy of 2 per cent on cars — costing vehicles owners a third of their average salary — in addition to the "one-time" tax imposed on vehicles last year. Peres prefers taxing

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cars and trips abroad to reducing the disposable income of the elderly. Likud politicians, on the other

hand, oppose milking car owners for more money, since they already pay a 200 per cent tax when they buy their vehicles, with petrol taxed at a similar rate.

MK Haim Ramon (Alignment) is demanding that luxury apartments be taxed, as the government promised to do last July. Owners of big apartments are not the Alignment's (Continued on Page 9)

## Spain's upgrading of PLO 'won't affect ties with Israel'

By BENNY MORRIS

Post Diplomatic Correspondent  
Israeli officials believe that Spain's relations with the PLO will not be substantially altered despite the weekend announcement in Madrid on the upgrading of the organization's representation in the Spanish capital.

Senior Foreign Ministry sources in Jerusalem adopted a cautious approach to the Madrid move. But they are convinced that it will not have a deleterious impact on relations between Spain and Israel.

The sources said that the announcement by Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordóñez upon his return to Madrid from a visit to Tunis merely "formalized" an existing situation.

The PLO has had an office in the Spanish capital for five years. Ordóñez's announcement now grants that office the same status as offices of international organizations. Ordóñez, responding to a reporter's question after his return to

Madrid, explained that the "formalization" and upgrading of the PLO's status would not give its office the status of an embassy.

But it was clear from his response that the PLO officials would henceforth enjoy *de facto* diplomatic prerogatives.

The Foreign Ministry's sources said Ordóñez's statement was timed to blunt an expected Arab League reaction to Spain's establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel two months ago.

Meanwhile, an agreement on a co-production between Israel and Spain on a TV series is to be signed today by Jose Maria Calvino, director-general of the Spanish Broadcasting Authority. Calvino arrived here on Sunday, for a four-day visit.

The agreement is between the SBA, the Israel Broadcasting Authority, and the Idan and Kastel production companies for a three-part series on Ladino.

## Three killed, 22 wounded in SLA shelling of Nabatiya

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter and agencies

METULLA. — Three people were killed and 22 wounded yesterday in an artillery barrage on Nabatiya launched by the South Lebanese Army.

This was in response to a barrage of 12 Katyusha rockets that fell on the security zone early yesterday morning. No one was reported injured in that attack.

Exchanges of fire continued yesterday near Jezzine between SLA forces and Palestinian gunmen based in Sidon.

A Shi'ite Moslem leader vowed retaliation for what he termed Israeli participation in the shelling of Nabatiya.

"Israeli settlements and installations will not be beyond the blows of the resistance henceforth," said Mahmoud Fakih, leader of the dominant Shi'ite Moslem Amal militia in the South.

"The resistance knows the targets that would pain the enemy most," he called on the predominantly Shi'ite population of South Lebanon to "brace for this new phase of confrontation."

Private Beirut radio stations said the IDF moved tanks and armoured personnel carriers across the border into Israel's "security belt."

But Timur Goksel, spokesman for Unfil, said there were "no unusual military movements" in UN-policed areas of South Lebanon.

## In response to missile attack near 'line of death'

# U.S. naval planes sink Libyan boat, destroy base

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON. — U.S. naval aircraft destroyed a Libyan guided-missile patrol boat and a SAM-5 surface-to-air missile base yesterday after six Libyan missiles were fired at American aircraft in the Gulf of Sidra, the White House announced late last night.

White House Spokesman Larry Speakes said the U.S. navy will continue to patrol the area as long as American officials deem it necessary. There are over 30 ships with three aircraft carriers off the "Line of Death" delineated by Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi in the Gulf of Sidra.

Secretary of Defence Caspar

Weinberger told reporters here that no damage had been done to U.S. equipment and no American had been hurt.

Speakes said the Libyan patrol boat was destroyed by a Harpoon missile because it was moving fast and ominously close to U.S. ships in the area. He said the Libyan vessel was over 100 miles from the Libyan coast.

"The ship is dead in the water, burning, and appears to be sinking," he said. "There are no apparent survivors."

He said damage to the Libyan missile site on the shore was still being assessed.

Saying that the U.S. does not consider the episode closed, the spokesman added: "We now consid-

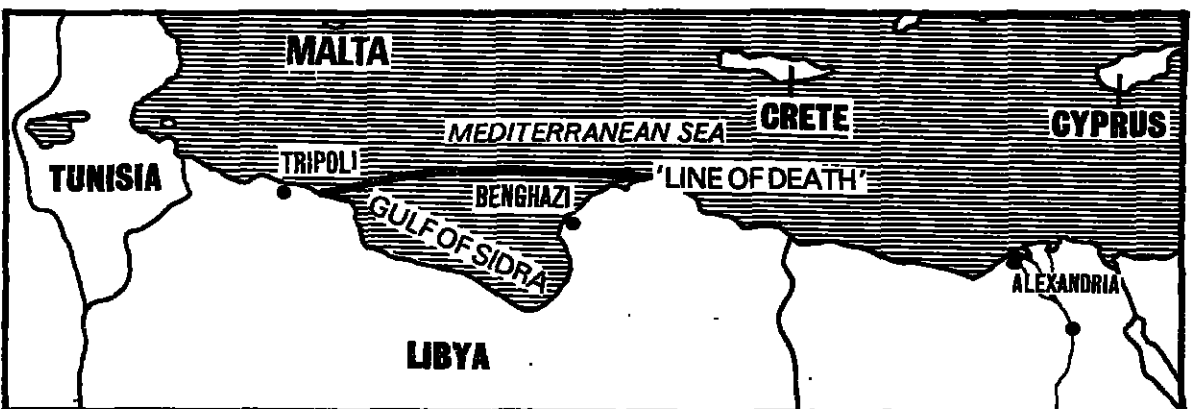
er all approaching Libyan forces to have hostile intent."

In explaining the U.S. response, Speakes said the American exercise was legal and reaffirmed freedom of navigation in international waters and airspace. "We deny Libya's claims that its territorial waters extend throughout the Gulf of Sidra, as almost all other nations do, and condemn Libya's actions," Speakes said. "They point out again, for all to see the aggressive and unlawful nature of Gaddafi's regime."

BBC monitors said last night that Libyan television interrupted a musical programme yesterday evening with the following statement:

"Brothers and sisters, we now received the following: the Amer-

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## IDF reservist stabbed by terrorists in Galilee

Jerusalem Post Staff and Ilim

NAZARETH. — A widespread search was being conducted yesterday by police and Border Police in the Galilee after the attempted murder of an IDF reservist by terrorists Sunday night.

Yosef Levi, 46, of Kibbutz Usha, was stabbed in the chest after he accepted a ride in a car driven by one of the terrorists. Levi was reported out of danger yesterday at the Italian hospital here, where he was operated on.

He told police that, soon after getting into the car, he was stabbed by a passenger sitting in the back seat. Levi struggled, "causing the driver to lose control of the wheel, and the car swerved off the highway near the village of Mande."

Levi managed to get out of the car, and the struggle with his attackers continued; after several minutes the terrorists fled, one on foot, the other in the car.

Levi said that "at least 25 cars

went by as I stood there at the side of the road covered in blood. Maybe the drivers didn't want to dirty their cars."

He admitted that "I was stupid to get into that car." His M-16 rifle was left in the car.

Commenting on the attack, Minister without Portfolio Moshe Arens said yesterday that it was one of several such incidents lately which were "evidently part of a planned programme of action by terrorist organizations."

Arens, who was speaking to reporters during a visit to Daliat al-Carmel, said Israel had achieved no small measure of success in dealing with terror acts in the past and would find answers to the present problem.

While advising soldiers to be extremely careful about accepting lifts, Arens stressed that it was the government's task to "create the kind of conditions in which soldiers and civilians can travel freely and in peace within Israel's borders."

## Hassan: Arab leader should meet Peres on Fez peace plan

KUWAIT (AFP). — Morocco's King Hassan yesterday proposed a summit conference between a chosen Arab leader and Prime Minister Shimon Peres to hear Israel's views on the Fez peace plan.

In an interview published in the Kuwaiti *Al-Sayassah* newspaper, Hassan said the mission of the Arab leader would "not be to negotiate, make commitments or sign [peace treaties], but to feel the pulse, reconnoitre and directly determine the enemy's [Israel's] thoughts on the Fez summit decisions."

Hassan's unprecedented proposal came as Arab foreign ministers gathered in Tunisia for the Arab League council sessions to discuss an emergency Arab summit conference.

"I propose this question to my brother [Arab] leaders and kings: What is shameful or disgraceful in choosing one among them and delegating him for a summit meeting with Israel?" he said.

## Chief rabbis 'break law' in warning against 'masorti' schools

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The chief rabbis have broken the law by warning parents against *masorti* or "traditional" schools, the chairman of Hemdat, the public council for cultural, religious and scientific freedom charged yesterday.

Prof. Hillel Shuval told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that he had called the attorney-general and the minister of religious affairs, calling upon them to restrain the chief rabbis from further derogatory propaganda against the Tali school network, as it is officially known.

Shuval pointed out that the Compulsory Education Law specifically forbids propagandizing against or for specific schools during the registra-

tion period. This law applies to all citizens and certainly to government officials such as the chief rabbis, he said.

Hemdat claims that the campaign against the Tali schools "which provide traditional religious education from an enlightened point of view, is a result of their success in Jerusalem, Ramat Gan, Beersheba and Hod Hasharon in attracting large numbers of pupils, and a resulting decline in the State Religious school system."

The Masorti (Conservative) movement also reacted sharply to the chief rabbis' statement, which had warned parents against sending children "to the schools of the Conservatives." The Masorti statement noted that "there are no 'Conservative' schools in Israel."

Unlike Agudat Yisrael, the statement continued, "we make our contribution within the framework of state schools. We have not separated ourselves from the community. Our sons and daughters serve in the army."

The Masorti movement also noted that "it is totally inappropriate for the chief rabbis, who are after all government appointees, to defame any state school." On the contrary, it adds, they should encourage such programmes.

Meanwhile, however, the Jerusalem chief rabbis have promulgated their own statement against the Tali schools. Unlike the country's chief rabbis, who merely "warned" against such schools, the Jerusalem chief rabbis specifically ruled that it is against Jewish law to send a child to such a school.

## Yugoslav magazine: Waldheim was with 'genocide unit'

By ILONA HENRY  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent and agencies

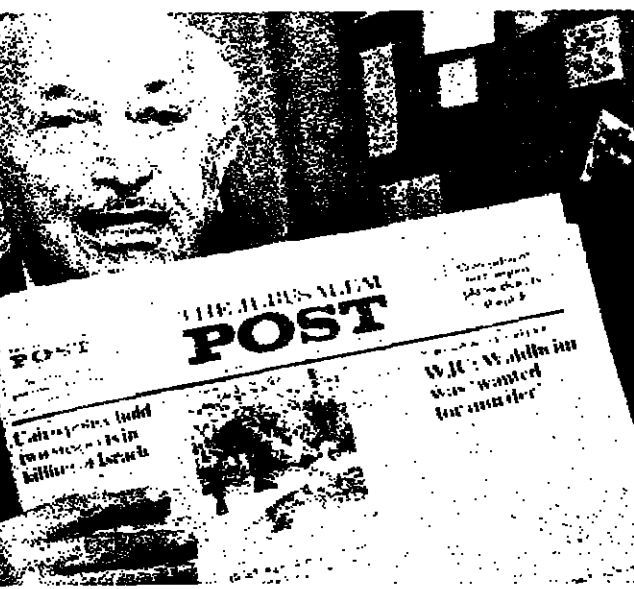
VIENNA. — A Yugoslav magazine reported yesterday that former UN secretary-general Kurt Waldheim was assigned in 1942 to the headquarters of a special army unit accused of massacring civilians in Bosnia.

The report appeared just hours after Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal held a press conference in Vienna to call on Yugoslavia to respond to charges that Waldheim was a suspected Nazi war criminal wanted by Belgrade authorities for complicity in murder.

The magazine, a biweekly published in Zagreb called *Start*, said it had documents showing that Waldheim belonged to the operations command of a special group formed by the Nazis in May 1942 called *Kampfgruppe Westbosnien* (Fighting Group of West Bosnia).

Following a German offensive in the summer of that year, a "total genocide against the civilian population" was committed in Bosnia, including the deportation of more than 68,000 people to concentration camps.

Although the Yugoslav government repeated yesterday that it had no comment on the Waldheim affair, *Start's* publishers, the Vjesnik Publishing House, follows the line of the



Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal displays a copy of Sunday's *Jerusalem Post* at a press conference yesterday in Vienna, where he called on Yugoslavia to say why it had named Kurt Waldheim as a suspected Nazi war criminal. (Reuters telephoto)

partisans," the spokesman said, adding that Waldheim was subsequently transferred to Greece.

In Salonika, Waldheim was with Army Group E, a unit implicated in the deportation of thousands of Jews.

The World Jewish Congress (WJC) said in New York on Saturday it had found a 1948 U.S. army document listing Waldheim, 67, as sought by Yugoslavia on suspicion of complicity in murder.

"An accusation of murder is of a quite different order," Wiesenthal told a news conference, referring to other charges in the past month that Waldheim belonged to three minor Nazi groups.

"When it's a question of murder I want to know the truth... The truth lies with the Yugoslav government."

In comments reported by the *Kurier* newspaper here before the Yugoslav story appeared, Waldheim accused "certain Jewish circles" of being behind a perceived anti-Austria campaign.

"What the World Jewish Congress is now doing is absurd, an impudence without foundation. It is impudence to label me now as a war criminal," he was quoted as saying.

Waldheim declared that Jewish circles in the U.S. will not decide who becomes the next president of Austria.



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### THE WEATHER

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Jerusalem	57	9-14	14
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Nahariya	71	15-19	14
Safed	61	9-12	13
Haifa Port	68	12-19	13
Tiberias	61	12-23	22
Nazareth	61	11-16	16
Afula	62	10-20	19
Shomron	55	11-18	17
Tel Aviv	68	15-19	17
B-G Airport	61	12-19	19
Jericho	47	13-24	24
Gaza	71	14-20	19
Beersheba	51	12-19	19
Eilat	38	19-24	24

### ARRIVALS

Edith Rachman of Orange County, California, and Gerald Lasensky, executive director of the Orange County Jewish Federation for the dedication today of the Anita Mayer Recreation Centre in Ashdod, named after Mrs. Rachman's late sister.

### In Memoriam

A memorial ceremony for the late Yigal Alon was held yesterday at Kibbutz Ginosar, with President Herzog, Defence Minister Rabin and Knesset members attending.

## Feinstein funeral in J'lem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Thousands of mourners are expected to attend the funeral of Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, who died in New York on Sunday night at the age of 91. His body is expected to arrive for burial in Jerusalem today.

Affectionately called "Reb Moshe" by his followers, Feinstein was one of the world's leading authorities on halacha. He was born in Uzd, near Minsk, in 1895 and studied with his father and in the local yeshiva. Feinstein became rabbi of Uzd in 1916 and of Luban in 1921. In 1937 he went to the U.S. and was appointed head of Medfith Tiferet Yeshiva in New York.

Feinstein served as president of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U.S. and Canada (1968-1980) and of American Agudat Yisrael (1966-1980), also acting as chairman and spiritual leader of the Aguda's Moetzet G'dolei Hatora. He was the author of *Igrot Moshe*, six volumes of responsa - answers to contemporary questions of religious observance - and of *Dibrot Moshe*, 10 volumes on Talmud.

Feinstein's wife, Sima, predeceased him; he is survived by three children, Faya Sifra, David and Reuben.

In a statement yesterday, Israel's two chief rabbis expressed sorrow at the death of Feinstein, whom they called "the... greatest arbiter in this generation. He was an outstanding yeshiva head, who left behind him several important volumes of responsa on all aspects of the Torah." Feinstein resolved problems of halacha, the chief rabbis said, for rabbis and ordinary Jews all over the world.

Members of the late rabbi's family in Israel told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the body is due to arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport at 4 p.m. The funeral has been provisionally set to leave at 9 tonight from the Har Haim Yeshiva on Jaffa Road for the Har Hamenuhot cemetery.

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### Gen. Callaghan to head Unifil

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). - Lieutenant-General William Callaghan of Ireland, commander of Unifil, will succeed Lt.-Gen. Emmanuel Erskine of Ghana as chief of staff of the UN Truce Supervision Organization (Unifil), the UN announced yesterday.

Erskine, who has commanded UN peace-keeping operations in the Middle East for nearly 12 years, is due to relinquish his post on April 30.

Unto, with headquarters in Jerusalem, was originally set up to help supervise armistice agreements signed in 1948 between Israel and each of its Arab neighbours.

## HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

# Kulas to defend himself before Knesset panel

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Knesset Correspondent

Law Committee Chairman Eli Kulas is calling his panel into session next Monday to discuss the public and legal implications of what he called the "smear campaign" against him concerning the way in which the Hebrew University awarded him a law degree last year.

On the principle that attack is the best form of defence, Kulas told reporters yesterday that "the honest and decent people who know the regulations of the university and the Bar Association all know I got my degree, and my licence to practise law, in a totally legal and proper manner."

"Those who smear me with their evil tongue are merely spreading blood libel," he declared. "We have

to find out who was interested in blackening my reputation and why." Kulas said the university's law faculty had not made things any easier for him because he was a public figure. "On the contrary, I would have got my degree years earlier, had I not been a Knesset member," he claimed.

Kulas is connected with the Liberal Party wing led by Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, but sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Kulas issue was not raised by Kulas's party rivals but by members of the law faculty who regarded the procedure adopted towards Kulas as improper.

The sources said that last week, when procedures were posted in the law faculty for students who fail exams that would accord them the same rights as those granted to

Kulas, they provoked caustic comments from several lecturers. The procedures allow a student who has failed a subject four times to have two additional opportunities to take the final examination.

Yitzhak Engelhardt, the Hebrew University law school dean, has denied that Kulas failed his criminal law examination four times. In a statement, the dean said that Kulas had been given two chances to take the exam, the last more than eight years after he began his legal studies, the maximum time allowed to complete them. Kulas failed both tests but then received permission to take it a third time under the auspices of the Tel Aviv University law school. He passed the exam in July 1985.

The Kulas degree affair was brought up yesterday in the Knesset

House Committee, even though it was not on the agenda.

"It's the university's problem," said Chaika Grossman (Mapam) in support of Kulas. "If the university claims he got his degree legitimately, the Knesset should stay out of it. I don't care if it took him four years or 12 years to get his degree. As long as Kulas himself did not perpetrate a fraud, what is there to say?"

Among the House Committee members who thought otherwise was Michael Eitan (Likud), who said: "It happens all too often that when a Knesset member is criticized, his colleagues rally round him as though there existed a professional parliamentary guild. That is unhealthy. If the issue is there, it should be cleared up."

# Gur blasts footdragging on Kupat Holim aid

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter

The Finance Ministry's footdragging in approving the recommendations of the Gadish report on Kupat Holim reforms is "a national scandal, a financial scandal and a human scandal," Health Minister Mordechai Gur said yesterday.

Gur was replying to five urgent motions for the agenda on the implementation of the Gadish report. The motions were referred to the Finance Committee, with Gur expressing the hope that the committee would deal with them "immediately," in the framework of its debate on the state budget, which is nearing its conclusion.

Gur said the Histadrut need not have waited for the Gadish recommendation that its dues (*mas ahid*)

be raised to help cover rising medical costs. It should have done that two or three years ago, Gur said, adding, however, that he was happy the Histadrut and Kupat Holim had accepted that part of the report.

But there was no justification, said Gur, that government funding, which was \$50 million this year, had been slated to rise to \$70m. in the next fiscal year, had been cut to \$39m.

While the Gadish report does not propose a specific amount of government aid, it does recommend that the sum total of employer contributions (*mas makbil*) and government support should be \$390m. That means that government support should remain at \$50m., Gur said, although "a minimum of social justice" dictates that it should be higher.

The National Health Insurance Law would make that obligation perfectly clear, Gur said. The first draft of the bill is being studied and corrected, he added, predicting he would be able to submit it to the Ministerial Legislation Committee within six weeks.

Ran Cohen (Citizens Rights Movement) opposed any increase in Kupat Holim dues. He said Kupat Holim's crisis is not due to any operating problems but primarily to the decline in government aid to one-fourth its 1978/79 level.

Uriel Linn (Likud-Liberal) said that even though Kupat Holim's management bears "direct personal responsibility" for the crisis, it has not been called to account. Instead it is the public, in the final analysis, that will have to pay. Only irres-

possible managers could have incurred debts of over \$400m., paying a real annual interest rate of 95 per cent.

In a related matter, the Knesset defeated, 21-18, the motion by Deputy Finance Minister Adiel Amori to strike from the agenda a motion on "the need for control and oversight over the injection of public funds into enterprises in difficulty."

The motion's sponsor, Michael Eitan, (Likud-Herut) said that in recent years Bank Hapohlim had loaned hundreds of millions of dollars to Kupat Holim and other Histadrut enterprises without adequate security. He said the government should make aid to Hovat Ha'ovdim enterprises conditional on a "house-cleaning" by the bank's management and on greater public oversight of its activities.

## Marathon Opec conference breaks up without agreement

GENEVA (AP). - A marathon Opec meeting broke up yesterday with no agreement on oil production cuts aimed at reversing the downward trend in prices, officials said.

The collapse of the tumultuous talks sent open-market oil prices into a dive. However, industry analysts said Opec still had a chance of pushing prices back up if it agreed later on deep cuts in production.

A one-sentence Opec statement issued at the close of the meeting said oil ministers from the 13-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries planned to meet again in three weeks to resume the negotiations.

The Geneva talks, which were held in a top-floor hotel suite, lasted nine days and marked one of the longest Opec conferences in the cartel's history.

The final session ended in turmoil with Opec President Arturo Hernandez Grisanti of Venezuela and many other ministers slipping out of the hotel without responding to reporters' questions. The usual post-meeting news conference by the cartel president was cancelled with no explanation.

"I hope that we've laid the foundation for the next meeting to be a successful one," said Ali Khalifa al-Sabah, the oil minister of Kuwait, in brief remarks as he was leaving the Geneva hotel.

"We understand each other's positions better, and now we have a basis to go back and consult with our governments."

Others were more blunt. A source in the Ecuadorian delegation, speaking privately, said the ministers had failed to agree on a limit for their overall production or on quotas for each member.

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## Sharir denies feelers to Alignment

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir yesterday denied a report in Sunday's *Jerusalem Post* that he had proposed the establishment of a Labour-led narrow government with the participation of a group of Liberal MKs.

"The minister denies the contents of the article absolutely," Sharir's spokesman said. "He did not hold any contacts with the prime minister regarding unity between the Liberals and the Labour Alignment."

Sharir, the spokesman added, had been particularly active in promoting the proposed merger between the Liberal Party and Herut.

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A pedestrian killed by a retired police general who fired at random from his balcony in Cairo's Giza suburb is wrapped in newspapers and carried away by Egyptian plainclothesmen. Mohammad Fahmy, angered by the barking of a neighbour's dog, killed two persons and wounded two others before he was shot and killed by police yesterday. (Reuters telephoto)

BEIRUT. - The PLO has requested permission to reopen its office here. A PLO statement said Shafik Al-Hout would continue as director.

## MIDDLE EAST

BEIRUT. - The spiritual guide of the radical Shi'ite Hizbollah movement, Sheikh Mohammed Fadlallah, said yesterday he expected an early release of kidnapped French hostages.

"I believe there will be positive movement regarding the issue in the coming few days," Fadlallah said in an interview in the conservative daily *Al-Anwar*. He did not say why he expected some of the eight missing

Frenchmen held by extremist Islamic militias to be freed. (AP)

Sidra or any other body of international water, it's an exercise of our rights under international law."

The administration, meanwhile, has been deeply embarrassed by reports that the U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, William Wilson, made an apparently unauthorized "peace-making" visit to Libya shortly after the Rome and Vienna terrorist attacks in December.

Ambassador Wilson is an old friend of President Reagan's from California. He has not been fired, although Secretary of State George Shultz is reported to have reprimanded him.

"There were no contacts authorized between any American diplomats and Colonel Gaddafi and his regime," Redman said yesterday.

BAGHDAD. - Iraq said yesterday its warplanes attacked a "large naval target" near the Iranian coast, scoring an accurate hit. Iraq often uses the term to describe oil tankers or merchant ships. A dozen ships have been hit by Iran and Iraq in the Gulf over the past month in their 5½-year-old war. (Reuters)

## Zamir limits charity donations

By BARBARA AMOUYAL  
For The Jerusalem Post

Government-owned companies may not contribute more than NIS 25 to charitable institutions without written approval from their boards, and under no circumstances can contributions come from company profits, Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir has ruled.

Zamir made the ruling at the request of a group of directors-general of ministries and government-owned companies, who sought legal guidelines concerning contributions of cash and services to charitable organizations.



Arye Vuka of Zabala is holding a hunger strike at the Knesset to protest Israel's inaction in the case of Yuli Edelstein, a religious teacher of Hebrew in Moscow, now serving a three-year sentence in a Soviet labour camp near the Mongolian border. Edelstein was arrested in September 1984 on trumped-up charges of possessing drugs and of using them in the *Havdala* ceremony marking the end of Shabbat. (Rahamim Israeli)

## Call for Land Day strike

By JOEL GREENBERG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Progressive List for Peace called yesterday for a general strike Sunday by Israeli Arabs to mark the 10th anniversary of Land Day and to protest against alleged anti-Arab discrimination and racism.

MKs Matti Peled and Mohammed Miar, who are leaders of the PLP, told a Jerusalem press conference the Land Day strike and demonstrations would be peaceful, and called on the Jewish population and security forces to avoid violent confrontations with the demonstrators. "It will be a quiet day of protest, with no provocations," Miar said.

Peled said Land Day observances would not only commemorate the deaths of six Arabs in Land Day disturbances 10 years ago, but would also call for wide-ranging action to ensure equal rights for Israeli Arabs.

A PLP statement said demonstrations would protest against the con-

tinued holding of expropriated Arab land, reductions in land reserves for expansion of Arab villages and towns, and exclusion of Arab communities from planned development areas. The protests will also focus on the withholding of funds from Arab local councils, the neglect of the Arab education system, and the imposition of discriminatory land, water and production quotas on Arab farmers, the statement said.

Peled said the largest centres of unemployment in Israel are in Arab towns, and that thousands of Arabs face layoffs due to the slump in the construction industry.

The PLP's strike call has not been backed by the Communist-dominated "Committee for the Defence of the Land," which organized the Land Day demonstrations. Miar said the PLP would cooperate with "a number of local Arab groups" in organizing the strike.

## WZO Executive decides to depoliticize emissary system

By MOSHE KOHN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The World Zionist Organization Executive yesterday appointed a committee of three senior officials to draw up "operational proposals" for implementing the Landau Commission's recommendations to depoliticize the WZO-Jewish Agency emissary (*shaliah*) system.

The three, who are to report back within a month, are WZO Director-General Shlomo Gazit; Moshe Hasskell, director-general of the Finance Department; and Moshe Gilad, director of the Emissaries Authority.

The action followed Executive Chairman Arye Dulzin's announcement of the final tally in the mail referendum of the 31 Israeli and American executive members. Nineteen voted for Dulzin's proposal accepting the Landau recommendations "in principle" and set-

ting up the above committee. These were the Labour members and those of the World Confederation of General Zionists, which comprises Hadassah and Dulzin's Liberal Centre.

An alternative proposal, stating that "the Executive has heard and takes note" of the Landau report and "will set up a committee of Executive members to study it," was supported by 10 members: those of Herut, Mizrahi-Hapoel Hasmizrahi, and the World Confederation of United Zionists (mainly the Zionist Organization of America).

One member abstained, and the vote of the remaining member was disqualified on technical grounds.

The essence of the Landau report is that the emissary system should be taken out of the hands of the political parties and managed by a supreme, non-partisan authority including public representatives.

## Orna Gaon opposes blackout order

Orna Gaon yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice to set aside an order secured by her husband, singer Yehoram Gaon, imposing a news blackout on their divorce proceedings in the rabbinical court.

"First he fed the news media a libellous and tendentious account of the divorce, then he got the rabbinical court to impose a blackout before I could react," she said.

She also asked the High Court to overturn the decision of the rabbinical court to speed up the hearings in their case. "It is unthinkable that a case involving divorce, maintenance payments, custody of children and a considerable amount of property be heard just four days after I formally received notice of the case, without allowing me enough time to prepare a response," she said.

She noted that divorce hearings in rabbinical courts usually take a long time, and it was not clear why her case was being handled like a "summary court martial."

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## State rejects claim by Jewish terrorists

The state prosecutor yesterday rejected claims that confessions made by five members of the Jewish underground were obtained illegally.

Dorit Beinisch was replying in the Supreme Court to an appeal by attorneys for the convicted terrorists.

The appeal said that confessions contained in a document known as "Dear Brothers" were extorted.

Beinisch replied that "Dear Brothers" was composed at the initiative of the defendants, who wanted it to circulate among their fellow conspirators in jail.

## 'Most want smoking restricted at work'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Most Israelis would like to see smoking forbidden at the workplace, except in designated "smokers' rooms," says a survey carried out last month by the Dahaf Research Institute.

The survey, commissioned by the Society for the Prevention of Smoking, showed that 80 per cent of non-smokers and 50 per cent of smokers questioned would favour such an arrangement.

Nearly 70 per cent of those polled said they favoured banning smoking in queues in public places such as banks and post offices.

## French National Front leader plans visit here

Jerusalem Post Staff

Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the extreme right in France, plans to visit this country, Israeli ambassador to France Ovadia Sofer told Army Radio yesterday.

"An associate of Le Pen approached me recently and said the leader of the National Front intends to visit Israel," Sofer said.

Le Pen, whose party received nearly 10 per cent of the vote in the recent French elections, has been accused of being a racist and anti-Semite by leaders of the French Jewish community.



## Moshe Feinstein – a rabbi's rabbi

By MOSHE WEINBACH  
When I was a yeshiva student in the U.S. people used to say that anyone planning to become an Orthodox rabbi needed two things: *semicha* ordination and the telephone number of Rabbi Moshe Feinstein.

This prescription reflected the unique status which Reb Moshe – as he was affectionately and reverently known to his countless disciples and admirers – enjoyed among religious Jews in North America and the entire world. He was a rabbi's rabbi, a renowned authority on whom a spiritual leader could rely for a definitive, and often courageous, decision on every aspect of modern religious life.

His word was religious law, whether it was conveyed in person or over the telephone, or in one of his thousands of halachic responses.

Rabbi Feinstein transplanted the intellectual grandeur of the European rabbinates to the shores of America, where he guided the dynamic growth of a Torah community rebuilt from the ashes of the Holocaust. Speaking with him or reading one of his responses conveyed the sense of being in contact with a vital link in that long chain of tradition going back to the Gaon of Vilna, the Rambam and the Talmudic sages.

There was one special feature of Rabbi Feinstein's life which must be focused on as the classic prototype of all the great religious leaders who dedicated their lives to public service. He had no official position as the *posek* (halachic authority) of his generation, nor did he receive any remuneration for dealing with the varied problems of his vast and demanding clientele.

Nevertheless, he found the time,



Rabbi Moshe Feinstein

despite his exhausting responsibilities as the head of a yeshiva, to deal with every matter brought to him, large or small. He did so without the trappings of an elegant office and receptionists, wielding world-wide influence from a simple *beit midrash* table or modest flat on New York's Lower East Side. He did so with such warmth and compassion that people, both the learned scholar and the simple layman, looked forward to having a problem to take to him, so that they would be able to enjoy his company – and tell their grandchildren about it.

Rabbi Feinstein was prodigious in his achievements as a modern sage cut from ancient cloth. He completed the study of the entire Talmud well over a hundred times and had a phenomenal command of all the classical sources required for dealing with the most complex problems. His brilliant solutions to some of those problems enabled families to be established and actions to be taken which would not otherwise

have been possible. What made them possible was his inspired sense of historic responsibility and his undisputed reputation for reliability.

As immersed as he was in his studies and in his role as the unofficial dean of the Orthodox rabbinate, he always found time to hear the troubles of ordinary Jews in non-halachic matters, and to comfort them with a reassuring word or guide them with wise counsel. This blend of tremendous public responsibility with compassion for the individual and a humble life-style is the hallmark of the Jew whose generation accorded him the title of *gaon* (great man) – and Reb Moshe was a peerless personification of this great tradition.

During his visit to Israel 22 years ago as a participant in the *Knesset Gedola* of Agudat Yisrael, a movement which he led and inspired, he spoke to an audience in Bet Shemesh about the chapter in the Torah dealing with the request made to Moses by the daughters of Zelophehad, for a portion in the Land of Israel. "Why were they so insistent on owning a piece of real estate in Eretz Yisrael when there was no doubt that the tribes of Israel would give them an adequate place to live?" he asked. "The answer is that they wanted their own share of the Holy Land – and the Torah considers this important enough to describe it in such detail."

As hundreds of thousands of Jews in Israel await, with heavy hearts, the arrival of Reb Moshe's coffin for burial in Jerusalem, we recall his words and the love which they expressed for his Torah, his land and his people.

(Rabbi Weinbach is dean of Ohr Somayach Institutions in Jerusalem.)

## Israel's 'Oscar' night was poor show

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
In Hollywood last night the cameras were trained on the galaxy of glamorous film stars and high-powered producers and directors who since 1929 have injected a special brand of magic into the annual Oscar Award ceremonies.

Oscar night is a production in itself: sleek, shiny limousines; exquisitely dressed women and elegantly groomed men; a deluge of photographers and television camer-

as; crowds of gawkers seeking to catch a glimpse of the famous.

Israel's pale imitation, the Israel Festive Film Awards, which took place on Sunday night in Jerusalem, was a dismal affair. There were no gowns, no photographers and the single television crew were bored. The only glitter came from the silver foil wrapped around the long-stemmed roses presented to each of the guests who came to the Jerusalem Cinematheque.

Menahem Golan, the producer and director who shuttles between Hollywood and Israel was on hand to receive a special citation from Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon. But others who should have been there were absent.

Rami Danon, who was named Best Actor for *Smile of the Goat*, and Makrim Koury, named Best Supporting Actor for *Smile of the Goat* and *A Very Narrow Bridge*, were both appearing in stage productions elsewhere. Smadar Klachinsky, named Best Actress for *Bar 51*, was abroad. The excuse was that they didn't know about the awards, but members of their families apparently knew: they were on hand to accept the awards. Adding to the evening's lackluster atmosphere was any absence of surprise. The Ministry of Industry and Trade, under whose auspices the Israel Film Centre operates, had earlier put out a press release listing all the winners.

The apathy was also perhaps attributable to the local film industry's Cinderella status in terms of government support for the performing arts. When Shimon Dotan received his Best Director award for *Smile of the Goat*, he interpreted Sharon's earlier effusive remarks on the film industry as a challenge. Dotan was also the first of 15 signatories to a leaflet distributed outside the cinema accusing the establishment of providing minimal aid for filmmakers and calling for the restructuring of support systems for the industry to make more working capital available. "We're willing to pick up the gauntlet," he declared, "but will Sharon respond to our challenge?"

The other 1985 Israel Feature Film awards were Best Film: *Smile of the Goat*, produced by Yehoshua Arush and directed by Shimon Dotan. Best Cameraman: Danny Schmeier for *Smile of the Goat* and Lucie Weis for *Bar 51*. Best screenplay: Elhan Green for *Bar 51*. Best editing: David Tzur for *Bar 51*. Best Musical Score: Yael Bar Yael for *The Uprising* and Dan Witzberg for *Smile of the Goat*. Best Set Design: Koli Sender for *The Bride*.



Producer-director Menahem Golan receives a special citation from Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon at Sunday night's Israel Feature Film Awards ceremony. Golan has produced 50 films in his 25-year career. (Dan Landau)

## AICF promotes young talent in the arts

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The American-Israel Cultural Foundation supplies 15 per cent of the funds spent on the arts in this country, according to the chairman of its Israel committee, MK Mordechai Virshupski.

"It's not that we give so much, it's that the government gives so little to the arts," said Virshupski, at the closing ceremony of the AICF's Young Artists' Week, held at Beit Hanassi in Jerusalem Sunday night.

The AICF, founded 45 years ago to promote young Israeli talent in the arts, saved the Beersheba Sinfonietta and the city's municipal theatre from closing down a few months ago. "We launched a massive campaign and collected quite a sizeable sum abroad," Virshupski

told the audience of 150. "We hope they will remain open in the long run, but in Israel, one can never be sure of anything in these budget-cutting times."

Virshupski noted that more attention is now being given by the foundation to the plastic arts, dance, literature, cinema and the theatre in addition to music, which was the AICF's focus for many years.

Over 50 young artists, aged 12 to 31, took part in the week's events, which actually began on March 1. They performed in Tel Aviv, Dimona, Haifa and Jerusalem.

The closing event included the performance of the Trio in D by Haydn, with 12-year-old Ohad Ben-Ari at the piano, 15-year-old Mirit Ben-Ari at the violin and 13-year-old Iris Yortner at the cello.

Hillel Zori, a cellist who has received AICF scholarships since he was seven and is now a member of the Israel Defence Forces string quartet, played works by Bach, Piatni and Tchaikovsky.

Benny Kunitzky, 21, was the first percussionist to have won the Francois Shapira competition. Playing the xylophone for a violin concerto by Khachaturian, he made the audience marvel at an encore in which he used only wooden drumsticks, his hands and a piece of cloth rubbed against a metal can.

Ruth Tavor, 31, ended the concert with an aria from Verdi's *La Traviata*.

Among the guests of President Herzog and his wife Aura was AICF supporter Reuven Hecht.

## Jamming costs Soviets \$620 million annually

By JERRY LEWIS

Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
LONDON. – Soviet authorities are spending more than \$620 million a year to jam foreign radio broadcasts, including Kol Yisrael, according to a BBC research paper issued to mark the 40th anniversary of the British network's Russian service.

The BBC estimated local jamming costs the Soviet government some \$415 million, and sky-wave jamming a further \$115 million a year. The Soviet Union maintains 16,230 local transmitters in jam reception in 272 cities with a population of 100,000 or more. This enables the Soviets to regularly jam 55 frequencies.

Sky-wave jamming, which is a more sophisticated way of eliminating overseas signals in rural areas out

of range of local transmitters, is carried out with high-power 50 to 250 kilowatt transmitters.

The powerful jammers block out signals of a number of overseas radio stations with programmes directed at Soviet listeners, including the U.S.'s Radio Liberty and Radio Free Europe, West Germany's Deutsche Welle and China's Radio Peking.

The Soviets are also said to spend \$96 million annually on round-the-clock monitoring of foreign broadcasts, which enable the authorities to keep abreast of world news. Ironically, jamming is not applied to the BBC's World Service in English, which reportedly has listeners in the Politburo.

## Pope urged not to build monastery at Auschwitz

PARIS (JTA). – Five European chief rabbis have appealed to Pope John Paul II to reconsider the decision to build a Roman Catholic monastery at Auschwitz.

The five – Sir Immanuel Jakobovits of Britain, Rene Samuel Sirat of France, Max Wachsbaum of Alsace, Moses Rosen of Romania and Mordechai Piron of Zurich – stress in their letter that the site of the former concentration camp has become synonymous with the Holocaust. "Turning it into a religious pilgrimage site would be both painful and injurious," they say.

The five leaders recall that the Polish authorities had earlier turned down a request to build a synagogue there.

## Rival Herut factions meeting to divide positions of power

By SARAH HONIG

TEL AVIV. – Representatives of all three Herut factions are due to begin intensive negotiations before the end of the week to divide up positions of power in the party and to put on a show of unity before the Labour convention of April 8.

This was decided yesterday, following consultations on Sunday by Vice Premier Shamir and his rival for the Herut leadership, David Levy, at their second meeting since the aborted party convention.

They conferred *tete-a-tete* in a continuing effort to find a peace formula that would enable them to reconvene the convention for a second session. Sources close to both Shamir and Levy told *The Jerusalem Post* that the two will begin meeting with greater frequency.

The new understanding mooted in Herut apparently ensures that, outwardly at least, Shamir's leadership status will be unchallenged. The 2,000 convention delegates will be declared *en bloc* to be members of the party's new central committee, although it is still possible that the Levy and Ariel Sharon blocs will manage to co-opt a few more of their supporters to the new committee.

The aim now is to wrap up everything in a hurry and hold a one-day second session of the convention soon, if possible prior to the Labour convention. Herut's leaders will try to put on a show of unity to block the forces in Labour that want to prevent the rotation, *The Post* was told.

Sunday's Shamir-Levy meeting was not planned in advance. It was suggested by Shamir to Levy during the weekly cabinet session and was held right after it. Shamir and Levy spoke for nearly an hour and sources on both sides said the two men were "developing rapport." It was also considered significant that they were seeking a deal without prior consultation with Sharon.

The solution said to be evolving is the creation of a four-man leadership forum headed by Shamir, to include Levy, Sharon and Moshe Arens. Levy might also receive the title of Shamir's deputy. Shamir's role of party chairman would not be

divided, and other central jobs in the party would not go to any of the four or even to other ministers.

Meanwhile, another stopwatch has begun ticking in the Likud. The Liberals say they are growing increasingly irate because the merger of the Likud components has not yet been ratified. It was to have received final approval at the Herut convention. There is renewed talk in some Liberal quarters of splitting the Likud Knesset faction and declaring an independent Liberal faction.

However, most Liberal sources doubt that this will happen. They note that this time Herut is not guilty of any ill-will towards the Liberals, and that the delay is due to Herut's internal crisis. Most Liberals feel that Herut should be given several more weeks to sort out its affairs. The Liberal consensus is that Herut will be able to patch things up.

Moreover, Liberal sources point out that splitting the Likud Knesset faction would only encourage Labour to abandon the rotation, which would mean early elections. In this event, the Liberals would be vulnerable, since without Herut they cannot hope to be re-elected. Likud Knesset faction chairperson Sara Doron yesterday vehemently denied that Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir, a fellow Liberal, has been seeking a deal with Labour. Doron, a major figure in the Sharir faction, told *The Post* that a "more preposterous story is hard to imagine. This is clearly a Labour provocation. Sharir has been the most outstanding advocate in the Liberal Party of the merger with Herut, and has fought many battles in the party for that cause. He has even been labelled a 'Herutnik' by his opponents in the Liberal Party," Sharir himself is now abroad.

Liberal sources added that linking MK Benny Shalit with Sharir's purported move is also unlikely. Sharir has a large faction in the party, but Shalit is not a member of it. Furthermore, Shalit is the Liberal Party's most vocal hawk and recently voted – in defiance of instructions from the Likud faction – for Gula Cohen's motion to annex Judea, Samaria and Gaza to Israel.

**STRIKE.** – The Yeroham local council will organize a community-wide general strike this Sunday unless the government agrees to fund economic-growth projects in development towns. "If there is no economic growth, this town will suffer greatly," said Mayor Baruch Almakias.

**MEETING.** – Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev met yesterday with new French Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond and congratulated him on his appointment. Tass reported, Raimond, 60, who has been French ambassador to the Soviet Union, was appointed foreign minister last week.

## HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

## Sharon orders talks with Egypt on trade

Jerusalem Post Staff

Minister of Industry and Trade Ariel Sharon yesterday ordered aides to start talks immediately with the Egyptian Embassy, with the aim of developing trade with that country.

His move came after Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir that he was removing limitations on trade with Israel.

The Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Foreign Ministry are considering the appointment of an attaché to deal with Egyptian-Israeli business ties.

## 3 IDF men held for drug smuggling

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE. – The magistrates' court here yesterday extended the remands of two out of three IDF sergeant-majors accused of smuggling heroin and other drugs into Israel from Lebanon.

The three, along with a Lebanese citizen who was also arrested, are believed to have smuggled several million dollars worth of drugs into the country. They were caught after a six-month investigation.

## Archeologists rap theft of artefacts

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Association of Archeologists in Israel yesterday condemned the illegal excavation and theft of archeological artefacts. The condemnation came in advance of the opening at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem of a show from the collection of the late Moshe Dayan.

The archeologists said that part of Dayan's collection was acquired illegally, and the public should not be given the impression that the show legitimizes his methods of acquisition.

## 'Sewage water is key to Negev development'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. – Treated sewage water is the key to the development of the Negev, participants in a conference on water use were told here this week.

"There are many advantages to using treated sewage water in the Negev, since there is no risk of polluting the aquifers there," David Yogeve, the Agriculture Ministry's director of research and development told the conference at Ben-Gurion University.

"But if farmers demand water of uniformly high quality for all crops, we have to subsidize it and there will be sharp debate on whether it is necessary to bring water to the Negev."

## Bach's birthday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – The Bach Centre here is to celebrate Johann Sebastian Bach's 301st birthday with a "Bach-only" concert at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Yad Lebanim, 63 Rehov Pinhas. Participants will include Bach Centre director and pianist Varda Nishry, violinist Yair Kless, and flautist Yossi Arheim.

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## Four blacks killed in S. Africa violence

JOHANNESBURG. — A black policeman was beaten to death and three other blacks were reported killed as anti-apartheid militants attempted to spread strikes and consumer boycotts yesterday in South Africa's main industrial region.

Residents said factional violence began Sunday night in Ratanda when Mandla Magazi was stabbed to death by unidentified men in a shebeen, an illegal tavern. Residents said they believed Magazi had belonged to the Ratanda Civic Association, which supported a general strike called in the black township of 45,000, some 65 km. southeast of Johannesburg.

In a separate incident, civic association spokesman said unidentified assailants shot and killed two men who refused to observe the strike call. After the shootings, he said, Ratanda came to a standstill and nobody tried to leave the community.

The general strike called by the Vaal Stayaway Committee apparently fizzled in eight other townships that provide labour for white industries south of Johannesburg. Some residents stayed home but others said they had little notice of the strike and, when they found taxis and buses running in the morning, decided to go to work.

Strike organizers said they sought to protest against the detention of community leaders, the prosecution of hundreds of township residents who had refused to pay increased rents for government houses and other issues.

National Police Headquarters in Pretoria said 40 youths, carrying bricks and sticks, attacked two black policemen on their way to work Sunday night in Depnilton, in the black homeland of KwaZulu-Natal. A police statement said one policeman escaped but Constable Johannes Leso, 35, was cornered outside a disco, dragged away and battered to death.

Meanwhile, President P.W. Botha has condemned international economic sanctions against South Africa, saying they would encourage violence and revolution.

Addressing a cattle breeder's congress, Botha yesterday said South Africa was caught up in a concerted effort to kill the truth and manipulate reality.

South Africans believed in civilisation and would not surrender to the forces of leftist revolutionary chaos, he said.

In Port Elizabeth, businessmen have called on the city council to abandon apartheid race policies or risk losing vital overseas investment.

## New U.S.-Turkey accord unlikely

ANKARA (AP). — During his present visit U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz will not be able to resolve U.S.-Turkish differences that are holding up a new defence and economic cooperation plan, a U.S. official said yesterday.

Shultz, scheduled to end three days of talks today, will leave without a pact, lower level diplomats will continue trying to settle the issues, said the official.

"I can now safely say we expect the talks to go on and come to a conclusion in such time as people are ready," the official said.

The initial five-year term of the pact passed in December, but continues until a new pact is signed or the pact is renounced by one of the countries.

The official said Turkey has never threatened to renounce the pact, which permits the presence of vital U.S. bases in the country.

Turkey's main plea has been for a larger share of the U.S. textile market in an effort to improve its economy through trade, rather than aid.

LAW. — U.S. Attorney-General Edwin Meese said yesterday in New Delhi he was impressed with efforts to combat drug smuggling in India which has become a major transit point for narcotics. Meese was on a three-day visit aimed at improving joint efforts to stamp out drug trafficking.

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Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov is shown pushing his car out of the snow in Gorky, helped by an unidentified man, in a shot from a video film passed to the West German daily Bild Zeitung. (Reuter-Bild Zeitung)

## Police dragnet in Pakistan after spectacular jailbreak

KARACHI (Reuter). — Police launched a dragnet yesterday for 31 condemned prisoners freed when 40 high-women in police uniforms stormed a prison with automatic weapons, sledge-hammers and scaling ladders.

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recaptured. One was arrested as he waited in his convict uniform at a bus stop. Two others were found hiding in a date plantation, police said.

They said they believed the fugitives had gone to ground in dense forests on either side of the Indus which is bridged at Sukkur.

Officials said it was the largest jailbreak of convicted criminals in Pakistani history. It also was the second spectacular prison escape in the subcontinent in eight days.

In the Indian capital New Delhi on March 16 internationally wanted criminal Charles Sobharaj walked out of maximum security Thar jail after accomplices drugged guards. Sobharaj, charged with a series of murders, is still at large.

## FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

### Indian gov't raps \$350m. for Bhopal victims

NEW DELHI (AP). — The Indian government yesterday described as "totally unacceptable" the \$350 million settlement reached between Union Carbide and private lawyers on the Bhopal gas disaster.

"Union Carbide is taking every step to ensure that the case is settled for a very low amount," said a written statement from the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

Union Carbide confirmed Sunday it had reached an agreement with some private attorneys for survivors of the Bhopal gas leak that killed more than 2,000 people and injured more than 200,000 others in December 1984.

"The government has not endorsed any settlement on the lines reported in the press. The amount of settlement is inadequate and has always been so and is therefore totally unacceptable," the Indian statement said.

The government did not say what action it planned to counter the settlement.

### Tramp buried in millionaire's grave.

BOON (Reuter). — Undertakers who mistakenly buried a one-legged tramp in a millionaire's coffin while the rightful owner lay on a mortuary slab filed suit in a Bonn court yesterday to recover costs and pin the blame elsewhere. Embarrassed funeral directors alleged that a negligent nurse at Bonn's University Clinic mortuary handed over the unclaimed corpse of a one-legged vagrant to undertakers who came to collect the millionaire.

The pauper lay buried in the rich man's plot for a week before the clinic realised its mistake and the millionaire's widow demanded an immediate rectification, at a cost of 5,000 marks (\$2,200).

### Soviet newsman calls for bolder journalism

MOSCOW (Reuter). — A former Soviet newspaper editor urged journalists yesterday to write bolder, more critical articles and said the official press had long painted a picture of life far removed from reality.

"How can our work be effective if people read one thing and all around them they often see something completely different?" Mikhail Nenashnev said in an interview with *Zhurnalists*, the magazine of the Soviet Journalists Union. "Let us call successes successes, shortcomings shortcomings and mistakes mistakes," he said. "Much depends on the capacity of a journalist to show professional boldness."

Nenashnev was editor until last month of the official newspaper *Sovetskaya Rossiya*, a post which he used in the build-up to the recent Communist Party Congress to campaign for more openness in the Soviet media.

### Finland in \$433m. arms deal with Soviets

HELSINKI (AP). — Finland will buy tanks, anti-tank missiles, Sam ground-to-air missiles and other military equipment worth some \$433 million from the Soviet Union over the next five years, it was announced yesterday. Lieutenant-General Almo Pajunen, secretary of state at the Defence Ministry, said a deal was signed with Soviet authorities in late February.

Gen. Pajunen declined to reveal the number or type of tanks and other weapons, but said the material would be for ground forces.

### Call to ban all cigarette advertising in U.S.

DAYTON BEACH, Florida (AP). — The American Cancer Society has called for a complete ban on cigarette advertising, already barred on TV and radio since 1971.

At a seminar here, society chairman Charles Lemaistre said the ban should be extended to cover newspapers and magazines, as well as advertising at cultural and sporting events, which attract many young people. Similar pleas have been made recently by the American Lung Association and the American Medical Association.

Cigarette manufacturers claim that advertising bans limit their freedom of expression and say advertising is aimed at persuading smokers to buy particular brands rather than inciting non-smokers to adopt the habit.

The British government, meanwhile, yesterday announced measures to curb cigarette smoking which claims an estimated 100,000 deaths a year. The measures included new health warnings to be printed on cigarette packets spelling out the risks associated with smoking.

## Urgent Appeal

for Aid to the Needy  
7 Adar B', 5746

A terrible catastrophe has occurred in Jerusalem: a distinguished individual and Torah scholar has passed away in the very prime of life, leaving behind him a widow with seven small children, with no one to turn to and an utterly destitute household. Their situation is bleak indeed.

We therefore add our voice to that of other distinguished personages in pointing out what a great mitzva it is to offer to extend a generous, helping hand to the family. In so doing, we will simultaneously be carrying out the mitzva of assisting the destitute. As the Rambam has pointed out, there is no greater joy than in gladdening the hearts of the poor, the orphaned, the widowed. He who gladdens the hearts of these unfortunate is like unto the Spirit of Providence, as it is written, "to revive the downcast, to revive the heart of the downtrodden" (Rambam, Laws of Megilla II, 17). Contributions may be made before Purim, the moneys to be withheld by the trustees and presented to the widow and her orphaned children on Purim day.

May we be worthy of the promise: "There was light and joy, gladness and great worth amongst the Jews," in the literal and figurative sense, Amen.

Avraham Shephira  
Chief Rabbi of Israel

Mordechai Ellahu  
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5. Israel Discount Bank, Ge'ula branch, Jerusalem, Account no. 732990  
6. Committee to Aid the Family, P.O.B. 686, Jerusalem  
Please note: According to a rabbinical decision, presents to the needy may be considered as a Purim gift, even though such gifts were sent to the family after Purim.

## Religion prevented me from killing myself, Marcos says

HONOLULU. — Exiled Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos says he felt like committing suicide after he was forced to flee Manila, but could not because of his Roman Catholic religion, according to a Japanese lawmaker who met here with Marcos.

Toshio Yamaguchi, a member of the Japanese Diet and a former minister of labour, met with Marcos and his wife, Imelda, at their Hickman Air Force Base guest quarters Friday and Saturday, he told reporters Sunday.

Marcos told him, "You Japanese can commit hara-kiri. But we're Catholic and cannot commit suicide. But I felt I would like to commit hara-kiri," Yamaguchi said through an interpreter.

Yamaguchi said he told Marcos, "You may have humiliated yourself (by fleeing). But you avoided bloodshed" by avoiding a civil war.

Yamaguchi said Mrs. Marcos told him they are looking for some place

to live that is comfortable, peaceful and where they can relax.

In Manila, it was reported that Ferdinand Marcos's 93-year-old mother is occupying an entire floor of a government hospital to which she owes more than a million pesos.

Esperanza Cabral, director of the Philippine Heart Centre, said the bill for Dona Josefa Edralin Marcos has reached 1.14 million pesos (\$57,000).

The Information Ministry said in a statement that President Corazon Aquino had agreed to pay the bill on humanitarian grounds.

Also in Manila, officials said Marcos's wealth could finance the cash-starved Philippine budget for three years or boost the gross national product by one-third.

Minister for the Commission on Good Government Jovito Salonga has estimated Marcos's total assets at up to \$10 billion, 33 per cent of the GNP and three times the country's annual budget of \$3.3 billion. (AP, Reuter).

## SPORTS

### Martina is tops

NEW YORK. — Martina Navratilova firmly established her supremacy in women's tennis when she avenged her U.S. Open defeat to Czechoslovakia's Hana Mandlikova with a 6-2, 6-0, 3-6, 6-1 victory in the final of the Virginia Slims championship at Madison Square Gardens here on Sunday night.

It was the third championship in a row for top seed Navratilova, the Wimbledon champion who had not played Mandlikova since her US Open defeat last September.

Fifth seed Mandlikova had eliminated second-seeded Chris Evert-Lloyd in the Semis.

"It was one of those days when everything clicks and you want to play three-out-of-five so that you can keep making those shots," Navratilova said. "It was fun."

West Germany's Steffi Graf took third place, when Lloyd withdrew from the scheduled match between the semifinal losers. The official explanation for Lloyd's withdrawal was "fatigue."

The Post inadvertently last week omitted coverage of the result of the match-up between Navratilova and Lloyd in Dallas. Martina won handily, dropping only three games in a contest lasting less than an hour and thus taking their career record games 36-32 in Navratilova's favour.

### England humiliated once again

BRIDGETOWN (AP). — England were close to suffering humiliating defeat after collapsing twice against the powerful West Indies fast bowling on the third day of the third cricket Test match here.

After an encouraging fight-back, in which they took the last seven West Indies first innings wickets for 53 to limit the home side's total to 418 and replied with 110 for one by close, England lost 15 wickets for 201 runs on the 3rd day.

Their last nine first innings wickets fell for just 63 and they were all out for 189. Following on 229 in arrears.

### In-form Mansdorf

TEL AVIV. — Israel's in-form Amos Mansdorf has qualified for this week's prestigious Rotterdam Grand Prix tennis tournament, worth \$250,000 in prize money.

In the final qualifying round for the 32-strong main singles draw worth \$150,000 in prize money Mansdorf won 6-4, 7-6 against the highly-rated New Zealander Kelly Evernden. Earlier, the 26-year-old soldier had beaten American and Czech opponents.

### Players go for Gary Lineker

LONDON (Reuter). — Everton Striker Gary Lineker has been voted player of the year by his fellow professional soccer players in the English League.

Lineker, due to play in England's World Cup warm-up against the Soviet Union in Tbilisi tomorrow, headed the poll from Manchester United's Paul McGrath with Liverpool defender Mark Lawrenson third.



UNMATCHED. — Martina Navratilova with her latest trophy. (AP)

On the men's circuit, Ivan Lendl gave a good indication of his current dominance with an impressive 6-2, 6-0 thrashing of Jimmy Connors. The top-seeded Czech picked up \$50,000 for his fifth straight tournament victory. Connors, who hasn't won a tournament in 17 months, earned \$25,000.

"When he gets on top, he starts going for broke," said Connors, who has lost nine straight times to Lendl and now trails him 14-13 in career matchups. "He starts hitting his ground strokes harder and going for his serves. If I want to beat him, I have to get on top right away, but he hit the ball very well."

They were 132 for six in their second innings at close, still 97 behind and with their six leading batsmen out.

All four West Indian batsmen combined to put on the pressure in a pitch of uneven bounce, Harshad Mehta leading the list with 4-42. Gooch and Gower, had lifted England's spirits with a second wicket stand of 104 but when the skipper was out for 64 and Gooch for 53 wickets fell at regular intervals.

In the second innings, procession Robinson has topped the scoring with 43, while Garner took 3-34 and Patterson 2-18. Yesterday was a rest day.

In Colombo, Ramesh Raja hit a polished 122, his maiden century in Test cricket, as Pakistan sustained their recovery against Sri Lanka. Ramesh lifted Pakistan to 306 for seven at ten on the third day of the third and final test in reply to Sri Lanka's first innings of 281.

SCOREBOARD  
SOCCER: Chelsea and Manchester City answered the criticism of the English Football League Cup at Wembley by producing a thrilling first final, which Chelsea won 5-4. Chelsea striker David Speedie headed a goal first with the first hat-trick in a major final at Wembley since the 1953 FA Cup.

Real Madrid won the Spanish League when they beat Real Valladolid 2-1 four rounds before the end of the season. This is Real's first league title since 1980.

MOTOR RACING: The racing team of Frank Williams, seriously injured in a car accident two weeks ago, launched its bid for the formula one championship with a convincing home victory by Brazil's Nelson Piquet in the opening race of the season at Rio de Janeiro. Piquet's Honda-powered Williams commanded the 307-kilometre race. Another Brazilian driver Ayrton Senna was second.

ICE HOCKEY: Brian Wilson's power-play goal snuffed a 3-3 tie in the second period, triggering the Chicago Blackhawks to a 5-3 victory over the New York Rangers and into undisputed possession of first place in the NHL's Norris Division.

Other results: Bruins 5, Whalers 5 (OT); Flames 7, Jets 4.

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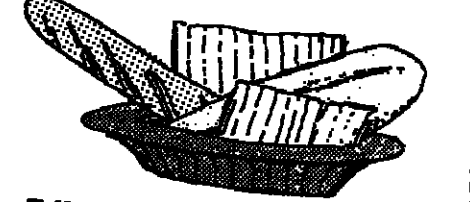
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## C-o-L hakavod!

By SHLOMO MAZEH  
Jerusalem Imposter Economics Distorter

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday that durable imports were up last month by 30 per cent as compared to ethereal exports for the same period on a baseline of 100 but we're still going bust.

The CBS also reported that the C-o-L rose in the first half of March by 1.02 per cent in comparison to the OC Northern Command during the third half of February and when was the last time you wrote your mother?

The Treasury meanwhile announced that foreign-currency reserves are up, agricultural exports are down, the Bronx is up, the Battery's down, the people ride in a hole in the ground and what's it to you how often I write my mother?

# Four ministers implicated in graft

By ISAAC VICEROY  
Jerusalem Imposter Reporter

Israel created medical history yesterday when a team of doctors at the Knesset Centre for the Politically Terminally Ill grafted a growth policy onto the body of a 37-year-old economy. The economy's condition was last night described as critical but stable.

A statement released by the hospital at the conclusion of the four month operation said that the team, led by labourologist Prof. Shimon Peres, had decided to go ahead with the transplant when it became clear that the economy was close to death.

"His body ravaged by the effects of seven years of hyperinflation, the economy was on his last legs," the statement said. "His unemployment

rate was critically high and regular transfusions of imported American cash were having no discernible effect."

The economy spent some eight months in the intensive-care unit before the operation, in an attempt to stabilize his inflation rate and limit his consumption of luxuries.

A counter-statement was released by dissenting members of the medical team, led by anesthetist Prof. Yitzhak Shamir and pathologist Prof. Yitzhak Moda'i. The counter-statement attributed the deterioration in the economy's condition to the treatment he received under Prof. Peres and the then head of the medical centre Prof. Yitzhak Rabin in the period prior to the first attack of inflationitis.

Yesterday's historic operation was the first time that a growth policy had been grafted onto the body of a terminally ill economy. Medical experts in the U.S., including the renowned Prof. George Shultz of the Foggy Bottom Hospital in Washington, have long maintained that it could not be done.

An exhausted but satisfied Prof. Peres last night attributed the success of the operation to "Jewish ingenuity and a commitment to the search for peace." He predicted a "bright high-tech future" for the economy, "and possibly even a marriage with a royal neighbour."

The identity of the donor of the growth policy was still unclear last night. Prof. Moda'i, who had reportedly opposed the transplant,

attributed the source of the organ to a Mr. Ro Tation, whose whereabouts have caused considerable distress at the Knesset centre recently. But knowledgeable forepicks close to Prof. Peres maintained that Tation was still alive - for the time being.

The sources added that the operation had been undertaken after consultation with two outside experts - Prof. Yisrael Kassar of the Kupat Holim Very Sick Fund and Prof. Eli Hurwitz of the Cut-throat Employers Medical Centre. The operation was strongly opposed by Drs. David Levy, Arik Sharon and Gaston Malca who called for a revote on the decision and then rampaged through the operating theatre, pulling plugs out of the walls and throwing scalpels at the nurses.

## Anybody seen Shamir?

# They seek him here, they seek him there

By GAY FREE SWAGMAN

Mystery last night surrounded the whereabouts of Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir, who has not been seen since the Herut convention two weeks ago.

Shamir's apparent disappearance went unremarked for some days, as family and friends have grown accustomed to his "going off for days at a time to marshall his thoughts," according to a close Shamir family source.

When Shamir failed to turn up last night for his traditional home-cooked Monday night dinner of sprats and latkes, however, his wife Shulamit alerted the police. "He'd never miss his favourite dinner," Shulamit said last night. "It's just not like him. And I had chocolate mousse for dessert as well."

Jerusalem District police commander Haim Allbaldies told *The Imposter* that he was interested in questioning Prime Minister Peres and Deputy Premier David Levy, believed to be the last two men to have seen Shamir prior to his disappearance.

Peres said last night that he was deeply worried about Shamir, and was particularly perturbed by the prospect of having to serve as premier for another two years if Shamir was not found by October.

Levy also expressed concern, adding that he had "no idea" as to what motive anyone could have for getting rid of the Herut Party leader.

There were three in the bed and the little one said:

"Turn over." And they all turned over

and one fell out.

## Netanyahu: Cut it out; can't you see I'm busy?

By WALLY BOOBY  
Jerusalem Imposter Correspondent

Hundreds of Jewish leaders all over the U.S. have admitted to using life-size cardboard cut-outs of Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Binyamin Netanyahu, to produce fake photos for their local newspapers supposedly showing the ambassador standing together with the *machers* of local Jewish organizations.

"We only wanted to show some signs of life in our group," moaned one of those caught red-handed with the Netanyahu Stand-In. Morris Goldstein, president of the Muncie, Indiana chapter of the national Confederated Discombobulated Association of Jewish Men's Clubs, lamented to *The Jerusalem Imposter* in an exclusive interview, that "nobody comes to our meetings any more. We didn't think it would hurt to have our picture in the paper with the ambassador."

All of this explains the real reason behind Netanyahu's reputation as a "much sought-after speaker in the American Jewish community," as press accounts often describe him. For the past two years, his office has been distributing vast quantities of the full-colour cut-outs, which are also available in a Kipa-Kovered model for religious gatherings.

According to unconfirmed reports, Netanyahu concocted the scheme as a way of responding to the flood of speaking requests that he receives. The Conference of Major Presidents of Minor American Jewish Organizations eagerly went along with the plan, seeing it as an easy way to boost the standing of their local chapters in the community. Since no one besides the chapter *machers* ever attends local meetings anyway, they shrewdly reasoned, no one else would ever know if Netanyahu was there or not.

The cut-outs were manufactured at a secret location in Brooklyn in a plant owned by Max Feldman, who proudly said that he donated the entire lot "for the welfare of the community." It was later revealed, however, that he was allowed to make this donation in lieu of his annual contribution to the UJA.

The proceeds from the sale of the cut-outs have been used to finance fiction lessons for Netanyahu, so that he can improve the Hebrew accent that gives his speeches that ring of authenticity.

As an indication of just how wide this scam has spread, it was discovered that on Wednesday, March 13, 1984, Netanyahu or his Stand-In - it is not clear from the pictures just

who or what was where - appeared at no less than 16 separate dinners, testimonials, meetings and fundraising banquets. In each case pictures of the ambassador and his beaming hosts duly appeared in the local Jewish paper several days later.

The scam was exposed after an over-zealous public relations officer at the embassy began circulating the photo below of Netanyahu with his official biography, citing his contributions at key moments in Jewish history. This picture was in circulation for over a year until Prof. Howard Ben-Canaan, a yored who teaches Jewish studies at Albuquerque Junior College, noted during the course of his research comparing Tora covers and Navaho rugs, that Netanyahu would have been only two years old when this picture was taken. He revealed his startling discovery in a paper read at a recent conference on cross-cultural embroidery.

When your reporter sought a reaction from the ambassador's office, this recorded message was received: "The ambassador is away on a speaking engagement, and will return tomorrow. Orders for Stand-Ins may be made by mail or in person, cheques or money orders accepted. Thank you and have a nice day!"

## Ronnie tells world: Lemme put my arms around ya

By WOOLF BLIZZARD

WASHINGTON. - The State Department had no comment yesterday on Monday's report in *The Washington Post* that Israel is seeking weapons from the U.S. to supply to the Iraqis to funnel to the Soviets to ship to the Angolans to pass to the Cubans to hand over to the Sandinistas to oppose the Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

"I should like to take this opportunity," State Department spokesman Bernard Klab told reporters, "to say that the secretary of state most emphatically has no comment to make at this time. Lest this be misconstrued, the secretary has asked me to inform the press that our policy remains unchanged. We strongly oppose any escalation in the arms race, unless it involves the Saudis, who are the only ones who pay up front - and even those toweldheads are writing postdated cheques these days."

Over at the Pentagon, Defence Secretary Caspar Waldheimberger denied the newspaper report without specifically denying the State Department's denial. "Look," he said, "we don't have anything personally against them Israelis over there trying to turn a buck on a weapons deal. I mean, it's only to be expected from those hook-nosed - say, is that one of those teeny little tape recorders I see?"

At the White, President Reagan did not issue a denial of the denial, but instead asked, rather obliquely: "What was the question?" He also drew applause from the press corp when he announced that he had just nuked Connecticut and had sold Grenada to Twentieth Century Fox. Or was it the other way round?



Spokesman backtracks, denies clarification



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## Aliya dep't stands by its tory

By DEAN MARTIN  
Imposter Reporter

Embattled British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is planning to make aliya, according to a source hiding in that little cupboard under the stairs at 10 Downing Street.

With inflation once more on the rise in Britain, and unemployment at the 50 million mark (Thatcher is currently the only person working in Britain, and even she isn't exactly overdoing it), the Iron Lady is said to be less than enthusiastic as to the future of her government or her own political career. Prime Minister Peres's invitation to Thatcher was the final chinch in Thatcher's decision to move to Israel, the well-placed source revealed, and she is considering coming this summer.

Herut party chiefs are reportedly already courting Thatcher - husband Dennis is expected to accompany her, but then he's a bit of a wimp anyway, isn't he - and believe that

her name on the Herut list of Knesset candidates could bring in a lot of votes. British political observers are not so sure, and I actually heard one of them sniggering at the idea.

First indications of Thatcher's plan to shut shop and move on came in January, at the time of Home Secretary Leon Brittan's resignation over the Westland helicopter affair. Brittan quit amid House of Commons furore over the leaking of a document, and a bitter Thatcher told the House then: "You've driven one of my best ministers out of office, it's a disgrace. Why, this kind of thing happens every other day in Israel, and nobody there bats an eyelid. What a marvellous place."

Brittan and other Jewish cabinet ministers are also said to be considering a move, although Nigel Lawson and Sir Keith Joseph are not thought to be keen to enter Israeli politics. Sources said they'd be happier, and better off, if appointed Solel Boneh board members.

## Hey, man; a hash for us

By TAL MOODIE

WHY SHUSHAN PURIM? Why not, answered R. Yitakesh. How do we know, interpolated R. Mitnakesh, that for every *mishloach manot* we give out on Purim, we get 10 back on Shushan Purim?

Because it is written, the Sabbath table hymn sung at the Herut Purim conference by the Petah Tikva delegate who put the boot in was: "One toe Malca," while on Shushan Purim, Haman was left with both feet, 10 toes, up in the air.

But what, R. Marrakesh butted in, is a Jew expected to do with 10 bottles of syrupy kiddush wine and 370 stale hamentashen? Easy, intruded R. Keshbadelet, stick 'em on the wall. Commented R. Pladelet: the wall is obviously that which distinguishes circumvallated urban megalopolises from previous residential conglomerations.

But, insinuates R. Baniha, what if the wall surrounds a country, as does the Great Wall of China? Do not

read "China," but *cheinik*, or in the Uncle Oz translation: kettle. Do not read "kettle," but *kittel*, threw in R. Galabiyah. Don't be a twerp, objected R. Kalabosh, do not read *kittel* but *kotel*. That, said Uncle, is Wall, which proves that you can't get away from it.

Walls, pontificated R. Kalabind, have ears. Uncle Oz: ne Haman.

Two men are grasping a hamentash, postulates the midrash. One says, "It's all mine." The other: "It's half mine." Expostulates R. Triss: "Poppycock, old seed!"

Three things will never be removed, allegorizes R. Truss: and these are they: Purim, Hanukka and Dr. Burg. R. Dross ups the ante: On four things the world stands: milnium, income tax, and Dr. Burg, and I forget the fourth.

What says the Tosefta? Car allowance, phone, *mishloach manot*, work clothing, shoeshine.

Hence, determines R. Herais. Shoeshine Purim.

## If you knew Shushan, like I knew Shushan...

SHUSHAN, Adar 15. - The financial community here, at the hub of the mighty Persian empire, is still reeling from the impact of the draconian economic decrees announced last night by the new Prime Minister Mordechai Ben-Yair, and authorized by King Ahasuerus.

Ordinary citizens and economic experts alike agree on one thing: The new economic policy represents a complete reversal of the free spending and exuberant consumption that characterized the previous administration headed by the late Haman Agaggite.

The new programme is based on

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heavy taxation, with a land tax to be paid by all property-holders, and the Persian carpet tax that will be levied from tonight.

In addition, all the tax breaks that Haman pushed through in the wake of the execution of ex-Queen Vashiti (Esther 2, 18) have been repealed and the relief granted to certain

areas of the empire, believed to be those whose pashas were leading supporters of the Agaggite party, has been cancelled.

Money-men both here and abroad were quick to welcome the new austerity measures of the Mordechai government. Zarathustra Finkelstein, a second-generation Judean exile who founded and runs the First National Bank of Shushan, told *The Imposter* "this policy gives us a chance to make a lot of money quick - I mean, put the economy back on its feet. Don't quote that first part."

Xerxes Q. Hellespont, chairman of the Hellespont and Macedonias

Trust Company and the owner of the Hellespont-Carthage - Pillars of Hercules pleasure-cruise line said that from Persia's point of view the moves were very positive, if somewhat overdue. He was, however, very critical of the carpet tax. "This will certainly hurt my business," he said, "because we have many Persian customers. It will also make travel agents like myself less eager to bring tourists to Persia." He admitted, though, that many foreigners, particularly North European Barbarians, would be attracted to Shushan for the public hangings that were now taking place.

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"I own a winter home in the Bahamas and a ski chalet in the Swiss Alps. Will I be able to keep them after the ingathering of the exiles?"

"I just signed for \$1 billion worth of wheat futures for Shtei Gadot Shmura Matzas, Inc. in Mea Shnorim. Eternal plenty could wipe me out."

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## Vashti won't go to the ball? Little Sarale explains it all!

"Well, once upon a time there was this king called Ahasuerus, and he was giving this big party one night for all the *hevre* and he suddenly clapped his hands and ordered that Queen Vashti come in and dance for them, but she refused and -

"Why did she refuse?"

"She wasn't going to perform for that male chauvinist pig of a husband and his drunken buddies; besides, she had her bridge club over that evening and don't interrupt again. Anyway, when she refused, King Ahasuerus waxed wroth, and so he -

"Waxed wroth?"

"It's some kind of club or sceptre that kings have, and they go and wax it when they're *broiges* with their queens and take your thumb out of your mouth. And then he beat up Vashti so bad with his wroth that she took refuge in a shelter for battered wives. So King Ahasuerus said, *Fooyah*, I'll show her, I'll get me a new queen. And he ordered his chamberlain to

bring him the fairest virgins in all the land, and -

"What are virgins?"

"Girls before they go to the army and don't interrupt again. So they brought all the fairest virgins to the palace and gave them ointments and -

"Please, Sarale, what are ointments?"

"Oh, cosmetics, like henna and lipstick and rouge and wax for their wroths. Anyway, it came to pass that the fairest of the fair was this Jewish girl Esther who was a typical Jewish beauty with blonde hair and blue eyes and she looked just like Puina Rosenblum. So when King Ahasuerus saw her he said, 'Wow, I choose you and I'll give you portions of my kingdom and royal apartments of 120 square metres not counting balcony and laundry area and a year's supply of ointments and bank shares and all kinds of good things. So they got married. But that isn't the end of the story.

"It came to pass that the king

had this chief minister named Haman and when he saw the economy was going down the tubes he told King Ahasuerus that they should kill all the Jews and so -

"Why kill all the Jews?"

"Because that's what they always do and don't interrupt so often. So the king thought this was a grand idea, but when Esther heard about it she started waxing her wroth, only she didn't try to beat the king over the head with it because being Jewish she was smarter than that and didn't want to wind up in the shelter for battered wives like Vashti, did she? So she kept her wroth to herself. But every night when the king called her she said she had a migraine. After a week of this, it came to pass that the king couldn't take it any more, and he said, *Nu, motek*, what's the problem? Didn't I give you portions of my kingdom and enough ointments to paint a battleship?"

"And Esther said, Yes, you've been a real prince, king, but I

don't want you should kill all the Jews because my Uncle Mordechai says it won't cure the economy one bit and he should know because he's a chartered accountant. So the king said, Well, do you have any better ideas? And Esther said, Yes, hang Haman and make Mordechai your finance minister and let the Jews go free and let's have a big party with fancy dress and triangular cookies and wine and Coke and everything. And it came to pass that the king said that this was a wise and goodly wife and so he let Mordechai organize the Hagana to fight Haman's men -

"Dad says it was the Etzel."

"Whatever. And it came to pass that they won and that is why Esther and Mordechai are great Jewish heroes and that's why we celebrate Purim unto this very day."

"Yeah? So how come this year you're dressing up like Madonna and I'm dressing up like Rambo?"

## There's still life left in that old pet yet

IT'S ALWAYS exciting when a new pet arrives in the house, but after a few months you often find that you're bored with your little four-footed playmate - and maybe he's bored with you. Still, if you set your mind to it, you can find all sorts of ways to get new fun out of old pets.

For example, have you ever placed your goldfish bowl on the gas range? Just turn up the flame and watch those lazy old goldfish of yours really go to town!

Got one of those fat old tabby cats who just sits around all day and does nothing? Try dad's electric razor on him for a new punk look! Puss'll be the talk of the neighbourhood - and so will you!

Frogs, snakes and turtles get tired confined to the terrarium all day, so there's nothing they like more than a change of environment.

Let 'em spend a night in the drawer where your big sister keeps her slips and underwear and stuff. That'll wake things up!

Can't teach an old dog new tricks? Sure you can, with a little imagination. For example, nothing's more boring than throwing the same old stick for Spot to fetch over and over again. But next time dad comes home from army reserve duty, swipe some of his grenades. Let's see how Spot likes fetching those!

Find your gerbils are dull little creatures? Try playing search-



Purrs, pests  
and pelts  
by Dora Sow

## Triangular treats make yummy eats

WHETHER they're stuffed with Marmite, as the British Jews like 'em, or with Beluga caviar, as the Los Angeler rebbe prefers, *hamantaschen*, or as we call them in Israel, *Oznei Haman*, are always the hit of any Purim party! And kids, you can make your own, because it's fun and easy!

All you need is a bag of flour, a bunch of eggs, a sack of sugar, some margarine and you're in business!

First, wait 'til your mother goes out of the house. Then mix everything together and roll out the dough. Then cut the dough into triangles. When they're filled, you're going to bake them in the oven at 350 degrees or for 30 minutes, whichever comes first. Then feed one to your little brother. If he doesn't die, you're doing great!

Now for the fillings. The following delightful Diaspora favourites will give your triangular treats a special twist!

For Chinese-Jewish *hamantaschen*, fill the triangles with chopped vegetables and soy sauce. Put cute little messages in each one, like "Death to All Missionaries!" Feed one to your little brother.

The famed Glasgow *hamantaschen* are traditionally made with haggis, which is the stomach of a goat. If you can't find a goat, however, you can still make Scottish *hamantaschen* by filling the triangles with that smoked

salmon your mother bought in the duty-free shop on her last trip abroad. Feed one to your little brother.

*Hamantaschen Parisienne* are really unusual - they come filled with snails! To see how delicious these really are, just feed one to your little brother.

In San Francisco, the folks really go all out for Purim, with the men dressing up like women and the women dressing up like men. Their *hamantaschen* are really exotic too. If you have trouble finding cocaine, however, you may substitute hallucinogenic mushrooms (fresh, never tinned). Feed one to your little brother.

German *hamantaschen* come stuffed with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and *blutwurst*. Your little brother's going to love it!

Moroccan *hamantaschen* are a special treat - that homous goes great with the poppy seeds! Also be sure to use plenty of fiery green peppers. Use your fist to get it down your little brother's throat.

Finally, Japanese *hamantaschen* stuffed with raw fish are a perennial favourite with the Makuya sect. Some of mom's *bakula* from the freezer will do, or in a pinch you can even use some of your goldfish, if you happen to have any floaters that day. Feed one to your little brother.

## Balls up in Haifa



Cable car for sale - The Municipality of Cheim is offering for sale one unused cable car. The purchaser must ensure that the cable car is not operated on Moslem, Jewish and Christian sabbaths (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) or on the following holidays - Ramadan, Easter, Pessah, Christmas, Succot, Shavuot, Id al-Adha, Id al-Fitr, Palm Sunday, Lent, Whitman, Rosh Hashana, Purim, Ashura, Muharram, Chinese New Year, and Lincoln's Birthday.

### SPORTS

## Maccabi 108, Bosnia 96, Yad Eliahu 70

### Imposter Sports Accountant

Last Thursday's epic Maccabi Tel Aviv triumph over the unpronounceable Bosnian titans Shlageribus Kovnorska has left the European Cup Final Basketball Last Six Pool Play-Off Grouping tantalizingly poised, with any five of the six teams still left in the competition able, statistically at least, to grab a place in the final, decisive, best-of-three match tentatively pencilled in for next November.

It's really no good crying over a single lost point, but if Maccabi playmaker Mightget Arrosted had only dunked home that last crucial rebound in the Yad Eliahu side's penultimate battle with Real Mad, the local Tel Avivian heroes could already be packing their bags and

applying for their visas for that winter Moscow final.

As it is, more's the pity. Arrosted and team-mates will have to wait, no doubt glued to their screens, for the result of the Cibona Bianco - Simac Milano top of the table, as it stands today, clash next week.

As pundits who have been following this intriguing competition closely know only too well, however, even a Bianco whitewash of the mighty Milanians will not guarantee that Maccabi get through. In the final analysis, the whole placings issue revolves around last night's last Tel Aviv court battle against visiting Zagreb Zebagioni.

At press time, the ZZ tops, as they are known, had Maccabi on the backboards, scoring at will, rebounding off the walls, and even

getting the ball into the basket on occasion. Micky, Motty, and the rest of the boys were putting up a brave fight, as ever, but really seemed no match for Amazon champions ZZ, average height eight foot four.

With the score at 2,193-3, in the visitors' favour, our TV went on the blink, but *Ha'aretz* has the result half-way down the second column of page four.

To work out Maccabi's exact chances, simply subtract the goal difference from last night's game, multiply by the number of cabinet ministers (with and without portmanteaux) and send together with a stamped addressed envelope to Dear Marjie, *Daily Mirror*, Upper Wapping, London. Marjie regrets that she cannot answer each letter personally.

## New life in Holy Land at 71

### By COMPLETE CON

Sir Stanley Matthews, the former England soccer star said by many to be the greatest player ever to join Betar Jerusalem as player-manager, *The Imposter* has learned.

Matthews, who last played in 1963 and is now 71 years old, was reportedly delighted to accept Betar's terms, which include a free sherut ride from the airport, and a guaranteed top-level pension after 20 years with the club.

"I know it's a tall order for wee Stan," Betar chairman Moische Dardas told *The Imposter*, "but he's

been away from first team football for 23 years and is dying to get back on the pitch."

One source said that under Football Association regulations, Matthews would not be eligible to play here unless he converted to Judaism. But Dardas scoffed at such talk, stressing that Matthews's mother had a half-Jewish grandfather, and that Sir Stanley had long nurtured a predilection for cholent.

Dardas also had little time for those who believe Matthews is past his prime. "The man is a fitness fanatic, who can send defenders the wrong way with one wiggle of his

knee," Dardas said.

"They said he was finished in 1957, and again in 1961, but he came back in 1963 and lifted Stoke City to promotion. I'm sure he can do the job for us."

Matthews, Dardas says, will combine perfectly with striker Eli Ohana, his magical right foot sending in crosses for Ohana to notch home. "And if the combination doesn't work out," Dardas said, "I'm investigating the possibility of signing Colin Cowdrey as centre forward. He may have made his career in cricket, but he's got a wonderful eye for the ball."

## UK Palace rocked by scandal

### By JOY TICKLE-SICKWITS

LONDON. - Buckingham Palace was rocked yesterday by the revelation in the (non-union) *News of the World* that Prince Andrew's fiancée Sarah Ferguson bears a name that appears in the Hebrew Bible.

"The palace was rocked yesterday," said a palace spokesman. "The royal mother had been assured by the researchers at Debreit's that Miss Ferguson had passed with flying colours. The rumour - and we point out that it is still an unsubstantiated report - that a 'Sarah' or 'Sara' or some such name like that designates a biblical woman married to a man of the circumcised persuasion is still being studied.

"Until the matter is cleared up to our satisfaction," the spokesman continued, "no further statements will be made and no action will be taken. We are holding onto the ring, however, just for safe-keeping."

Asked how the queen had responded to the news that she might have a little Tay-Sachs carrier entering the family, the spokesman said, "The queen was not amused. But then again, the queen hasn't been amused since Princess Anne last mounted her polo pony backwards."

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## Student driver

TODAY'S little friend from a foreign land is 15-year-old Ahmed Abu-Booboo of Damascus, Syria, and he has a really unusual hobby - he's training to be a suicide car-bomb driver!

"It's really great," says Ahmed. "You get to drive an almost-new Mercedes and you can go as fast as you want and the best part is at the end, because no matter where you park, you wind up in heaven!"

Ahmed says the written part of the exam is really tough.

"We have to learn all about the Zionist devils and the Spreading Jewish Conspiracy and how the infidel dogs try to poison our oil wells and violate our sheep and all sorts of stuff like that. But I'm always ready to expand my horizons, and you know, if you really put your mind to it, learning can be fun!"

But Ahmed most enjoys the practice sessions behind the wheel.

"I've been working hard at ramming cars into brick walls and roadblocks, and let me tell you, it's really exciting!"

In his spare time, Ahmed collects stamps and likes to listen to music. He also says he's keen to travel.

## Kurrent events kwiz

- King Hussein really broke off talks with Arafat because
  - he couldn't stand being hugged by Mr. Five O'Clock Shadow.
  - he'd promised to take Queen Noor skiing.
  - Queen Noor had promised to take Mr. Five O'Clock Shadow skiing.
  - he just wanted an occasion to hog the TV screens.
  - none of the above.
- To Shimon Peres, rotation means
  - spinning in one's grave.
  - the end of intelligent life on earth as we know it.
  - a problem that dwarfs all others.
  - changing tires every 50,000 kilometres.
  - all of the above.
- Kurt Waldheim
  - was only following orders.
  - really spent World War II as a Carmelite nun.
  - was only following orders.
  - never deported a civilian in anger.
  - was only following orders.
- Richard Murphy
  - is Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.
  - is Undersecretary of State for South Eastern and Near Asian Affairs.
  - is Nearly Secretary of State for North Eastern and Extramarital Affairs.
  - flies Northwest Orient to East Asian Affairs.
  - who gives a good God damn?
- MK Avraham Shapira was in the news recently because
  - he lost 20 kilos.
  - how can you tell?
  - it should only happen to you.
  - he chews carpets.
  - he's always in the news.
- Ferdinand Marcos should move to Kfar Shmaryahu because
  - he can get a Filipino housemaid.
  - we need the money.
  - we need the aliya.
  - we could use a good Philippine restaurant.
  - we don't have enough toilets.
- Ronald Reagan supports Israel because
  - he'll sign anything.
  - we have a good record of killing Arabs.
  - his jelly-bean supplier is Jewish.
  - it plays well in Peoria.
- what was the question?
- Margaret Thatcher
  - is the queen of England.
  - is a grocer's daughter who made bad.
  - eats Argentinians for breakfast.
  - looks like Sylvester Stallone in drag.
  - starred in the famous Japanese film, *Tory! Tory! Tory!*
- Iran and Iraq are fighting each other because
  - it passes the time.
  - they find Scrabble too demanding.
  - it shows the Zionist dogs a thing or two.
  - it's hard to have a good Gulf War without them.
  - nobody quite remembers.
- The South Africans won't let the black people vote because
  - there's too many of them.
  - they won't go to the mikve.
  - they might not vote for white people.
  - they lack the political sophistication, wisdom, generosity of spirit, humanity, intelligence, understanding, compassion, ethics, morality, sense of fair play and willingness to compromise that characterize white people.
  - they're black.



THE PLACE: Cairo. The time: 7.30 a.m. The telephone rings in the luxurious apartment of the beautiful and sensual actress, one of the most popular in Egypt.

"Can I speak with Ma'ali Za'id, the actress?"

"Speaking."

"This is the police. Vice bureau. We're sorry to bother you at this early hour, but you are requested to appear at the nearest police station, on Kasr al-Nil Street, in an hour. A complaint has been filed against you by a religious figure, Sheikh Talawi, charging you with performing a pornographic scene in your movie *Love - The Last Chapter*."

"Me? A pornographic scene? Are you mad? I have never appeared in a sex scene, not in that movie or in any other. I am a decent woman. This is libel!"

"Look, this argument is pointless. You have to present yourself at the police station in 55 minutes, at 8.30. You may bring a lawyer. Goodbye."

A FEW minutes earlier, well-known actor Yehi al-Fakhri, who played the leading role in *Love - The Last Chapter*, had also been summoned to the police station.

"It was a nightmare I will never forget. I entered the room of the investigating officer in the vice bureau. After asking for my personal details, he warned me that anything I said could be used against me as evidence in court, and that I was entitled to remain silent or be represented by a lawyer."

"I was on the verge of exploding,

## Flap over film bedroom scene

By YA'ACOV LAMDAN / Special to The Jerusalem Post

but I controlled myself. I knew that the officer was just doing his job, and that if there had been a complaint he had to investigate.

"I explained to him that according to the script, Ma'ali was my wife, and that I was mortally ill. She tries to make my last days easier, and to make me forget for a moment my fatal disease and imminent death. She shows me great warmth and affection and enters my bed. With my remaining strength I snuggle up to her and return her love."

"True, it's a bedroom scene, but it's in very good taste and a vital part of the script. We played it with the utmost tact. Only my torso is exposed - and the exposure of the male chest has yet to be banned."

"As for Ma'ali, only her face and arms are visible in this scene. Trick photography created the illusion of physical intimacy. Except for my being bare to the waist, we were both fully clothed."

Is that a pornographic scene? Could it turn anyone on? How could such a scene stimulate that sheikh or

anyone else? And if it was really a provocative scene, the censor would never have allowed it."

THE POLICE questioned Ma'ali Za'id in the presence of her lawyer. She refused to answer reporters' queries about the vice bureau investigation. She only repeated that she was innocent, that the scene in question was not pornographic. If there were any complaints, she said, they should be addressed to the producer and the director, and not to the actors.

Za'id and Fakhri were freed on bail pending their trial.

THE EGYPTIAN censor is highly conservative, and even prolonged kisses are cut by his shears. The question many are asking in Egypt today, in the wake of the arrest and interrogation of the film stars, is how did the blue-censored censor permit the scene that so enraged Sheikh Talawi.

When the chief Egyptian censor, Na'ima Hamdi, viewed the film, she had serious reservations about the



Even a screen kiss may be cut short by the Cairo censor

husband-wife bedroom scene. Although it was an integral part of the script, designed to emphasize the emotional love of the wife who wants to make her husband's final moments pleasant, the censor feared that the scene would be misunderstood, and that some viewers would see it as nothing more than a sexual act, with no connection to the rest of the movie. The censor, therefore, ordered the scene cut by several

seconds and the removal of some movements that could ignite the imaginations of prurient viewers, in spite of the plot's tragic circumstances. Moreover, the censor ordered that the entire scene be cut from the video-film version.

It should be noted that the bulk of the movie producer's profits come from the sale of tens of thousands of video versions throughout the Arab world. According to a cautious esti-

mate, there are more than three million video cassette recorders in the Arab world, and their owners are hungry for new Arab films. As a result, a video version of a film is usually ready at the same time - and sometimes even before - one is available for the screen.

The police investigation confirmed that the bedroom scene had been approved for the movie theatres but not for the video ver-

sion. But when the police examined a video of the film, they discovered that despite the ban the bedroom scene had been left in.

THE CENSOR had a ready response for the police: We're in the clear. We forbade the showing of the bedroom scene in private homes. And we restricted the cinema version to adults only. The censor said that the makers of the movie should be tried for violating her orders.

The Egyptian public is divided over the affair. There are those who think that the actors should be let off the hook, because they are not responsible for the contents of the film, and certainly not for the inclusion of the bedroom scene in the video film. Others have condemned the actors, saying that they too - and not just the producer and director - have a hand in a scene that is liable to corrupt young and old alike.

No one, however, criticized the deletions ordered by the censor.

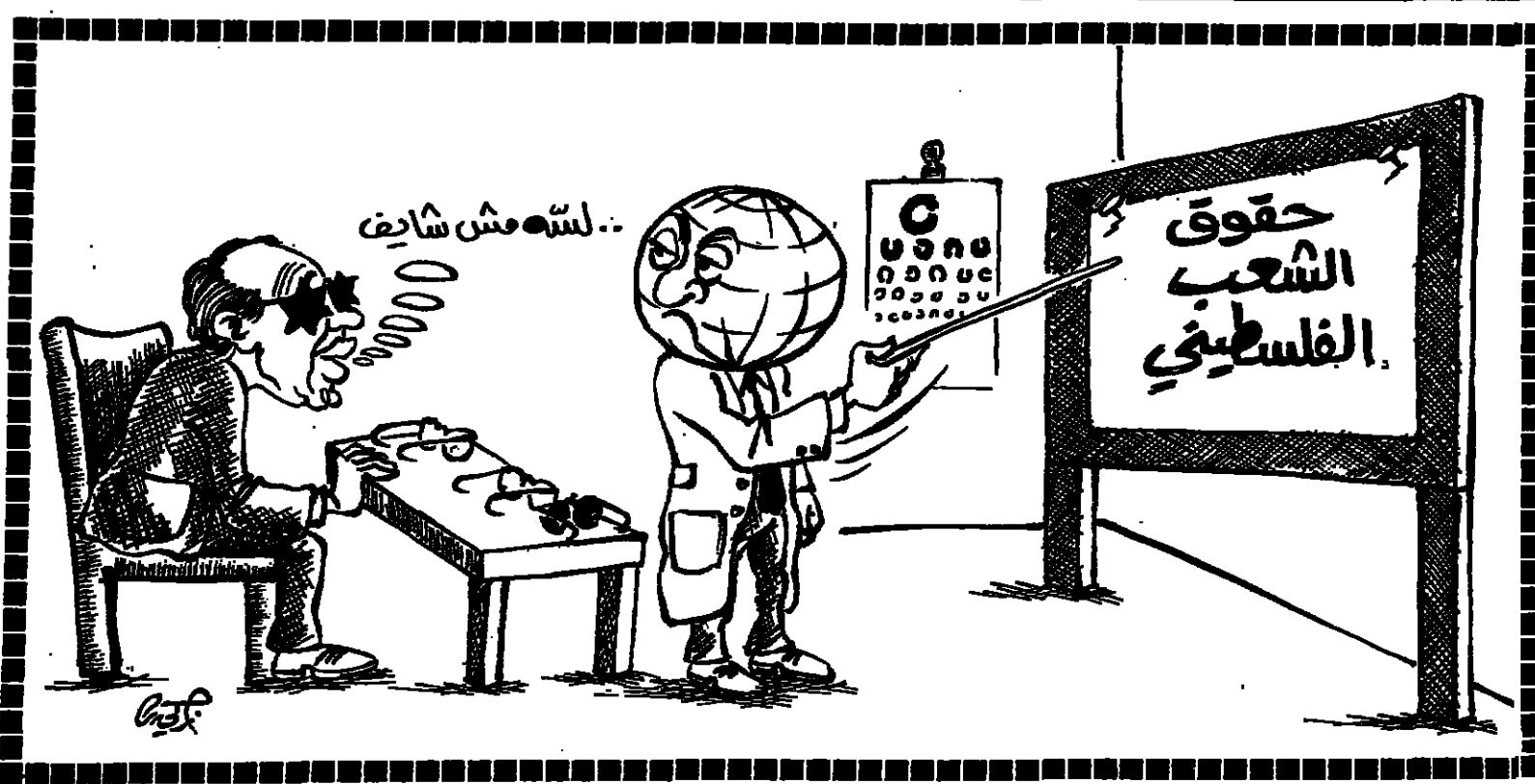
The affair has occupied the Egyptian public for the past few weeks. How it will end no one can tell. Will the two actors be charged? Or will the authorities make do with the trial of the producer and director?

The immediate result of the flap has been the surprising success of the movie at the box-office. Before the scandal broke, ticket sales were so low, the producers were about to withdraw the film.

But after the religious figure's complaint, the film is playing to packed houses. And despite its pessimistic plot, it is likely to continue playing for months.

## Jordanian thrust at Zionism

On the blackboard: "the rights of the Palestinian people." Shimon Peres says: "I still can't see." This cartoon appeared in the Jordanian paper *e-Dustur* on March 9.



## Hardship Saudi-style

By ROBIN LUSTIG / Riyadh

"SOME people," said a wealthy Saudi merchant recently, "are suffering real hardship. Take me, for example - I now have to decide whether I can really afford to pay for first-class seats for all my 17 servants next time I fly to Los Angeles."

He was not, one suspects, being entirely serious. Yet his jest helps remind one that in Saudi Arabia, the word "recession" has a slightly less ominous ring to it than elsewhere. There can be few other countries which could survive a drop in overseas earnings by more than half in less than five years with the apparent equanimity shown by the robed royal rulers of this vast desert kingdom.

Only five years ago, Saudi Arabia was producing more than 10 million barrels of crude oil a day. Today, output is below five million barrels - less than half - with prices significantly lower than in 1980 and with every prospect of them falling yet further.

So how is it done? In a word, reserves - of both cash and people. During the boom years between 1974 and 1979, Saudi Arabia built up cash reserves of around \$160 billion. It also imported more than two million foreign workers - equal to about 50 per cent of the kingdom's indigenous population - to provide the labour for the massive development projects financed by the oil revenue.

WHEN THE going got tough, there were savings in the bank, and the foreign workers could be thanked for their help and shipped back home. For most Saudis, life went on, more or less, as before. Sales of cars, the most conspicuous item of consumption, dropped, admittedly, but they are still healthy enough, with the British Jaguar the latest status symbol.

"The average Saudi now keeps his car for three years rather than 18 months before trading it in for a new one," says one analyst in Riyadh. "The people feeling the pinch are the foreigners."

There are stories of some foreign workers not being paid, and of foreign companies pulling out because of government delays in paying for completed contracts. In the construction industry especially, which

has traditionally employed hundreds of thousands of overseas workers, a number of local companies are facing collapse. Cheaper workers from Bangladesh are replacing the more expensive Koreans, and British engineers and being hired instead of their more expensive colleagues from the United States.

There has also been a crackdown on the transfer of work permits from one employer to another, so that once a contract is fulfilled, it is harder for a worker to find a new job without returning home first. For the estimated 150,000 Thais in Saudi Arabia, an added complication has been the kingdom's demand that they be certified free of AIDS virus before coming here. Money sent home by workers overseas is Thailand's third largest foreign currency source, after tourism and rice.

"Without doubt, there has been an immense readjustment over the past few years," said a senior diplomat here. "But one has to remember that in the 10 years before that, there had been a similar process of adjustment as the money started pouring in. So far, the system has been flexible enough to cope."

SAUDI ARABIA'S cash reserves are now thought to be down to between \$60 billion and \$80 billion, while oil production has crept back up from its lowest level of only two million barrels a day. But increasing production, even modestly, is of little use if the market price keeps falling. Latest forecasts suggest the price could fall on average this year to below \$20 a barrel, while demand from the world's non-communist countries is thought likely to increase by more than 100,000 barrels a day.

Saudi officials, while accepting that they cannot continue drawing on their reserves as in the past, insist that there is a positive side to this "new economic circumstances." Businesses are forced to become more competitive and efficient, they say, while individual Saudis have to learn that the goose cannot be relied upon to lay golden eggs forever.

London Observer Service

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## Getting ready to mark Land Day

ON ITS 10th anniversary, March 30, Land Day will have lost much of its original meaning. An established commemorative date on the Israeli Arab and Palestinian calendar, its emphasis has evolved beyond the simple protest against land expropriation which led to violent clashes with security forces and the death of six Arabs March 30, 1976.

Conversations with Arab local council heads in Galilee and the Triangle reveal a shift in the agenda for Land Day, from a struggle to hold on to land threatened with expropriation to action to ensure and extend Arab rights in lands owned and occupied by Arabs.

High on the agenda of the 10th Land Day will be the proposed closing of some 12,000 dunams of land in Army training zone 9 in Galilee. The area to be closed off for maneuvers includes tracts of agricultural land owned by residents of the neighbouring Arab villages of Arraba and Saknin. Consultations have already been held between village representatives and government officials on the possible closure.

Officials in the office of the Adviser on Arab Affairs say they are working to coordinate the move with local Arab leaders, but the local

council heads remain suspicious.

"We fear that closure of the area is not really for military purposes, but a first step towards expropriation and annexation of the area to neighbouring Jewish settlements," Muhammad Nassar, Arraba local council head said. "Our experience has shown that areas closed for military purposes became land for new settlements."

ANOTHER FOCUS of attention on Land Day will be demands to increase the amount of land reserved for expansion of Israeli Arab villages and towns. Arab local heads unanimously maintain that Arab villages have been allotted little, if any, land for expansion while neighbouring Jewish settlements have been given disproportionately large tracts.

Some said they had been prevented from taking land adjacent to their villages under their councils' jurisdiction, and the areas were later turned over to Jewish regional councils. Others charged that Arab land had been annexed to neighbouring Jewish towns, such as Upper Nazareth, or taken over for afforestation by the Jewish National Fund.

Arab local council heads say the

March 30 has become an annual day of protest for Israeli Arabs. Joel Greenberg reports.

lack of master plans for the expansion of Arab settlements is the root cause of the third item on the Land Day agenda: an estimated 7,000 illegally constructed structures in the Arab sector. Umm el-Fahm mayor Hashem Mahmud warned the structures are in danger of demolition, though officials in the office of the Adviser on Arab Affairs say the matter is under fundamental review. They said the office is conducting a detailed survey of illegal Arab construction with the aim of resolving the issue without wholesale demolition of the structures. A major component of the office's policy will be mapping out appropriate master plans for expansion of Arab settlements for the first time or to replace outdated plans. Officials in the adviser's office hope planned expansion of Arab settlements will reduce

incidents of illegal construction.

Though Land Day demonstrations will largely focus on these and other local issues, such as the financial plight of Arab local councils, Israeli Arab leaders say they will also use the occasion to speak out against racism in Israel and call for a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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The movement has proposed a general strike on Land Day in the Arab sector and argued that demonstrations planned by the Communist-dominated "Committee

for the Defence of the Lands" were inadequate.

"We hope Land Day will be peaceful," said Minister without Portfolio Ezer Weizman, who is responsible for Israeli Arab affairs. "It would be a mistake for the Arabs to heat up the atmosphere. There's a lot of goodwill on our part to right wrongs and find fair solutions to many problems. An outburst could only be counterproductive."

"It would be a slap in the face to our efforts and make it more difficult to be forthcoming in the future," an official in the Office of the Adviser on Arab Affairs said.

The adviser, Dr. Yosef Ginat, is intent on isolating the practical problems of Israeli Arabs from broader ideological issues. Ginat said there is little he can do to offset what he calls extremist trends towards "Palestinization" and "Islamization" in the Israeli Arab community. What he can offer, he said, is more effective and fair solutions to problems facing Israeli Arabs, so they can feel equal citizens in their country. "On this level, I can restore trust," he said.

## A night of noise

Following is the second excerpt from the book by the Palestinian man of letters, Khalil Sakakini. That's the Way I Am, World. It describes the last days of the Arab neighbourhood of Katamon in 1948.

Saturday, March 30, 1948 (noon)

THE JEWS launched a heavy attack on our neighbourhood of Katamon, which began in the middle of last night and has continued until noon today. Shells were fired from cannons, and bullets from guns, intermittently, and there were explosions the likes of which were never seen. Kitchener, in all his battles, did not hear what we heard tonight.

This week we had a visit from "Abu Musa" (Abdel Kader Al-Husseini) and some of his fighters, "Abu Al-Abd" (Ibrahim Abu

Days), from Surif, the Mukhtar of Raffat, Abu Ata, and Kamel Al-Arikat (all leading commanders of the Jerusalem front-Ed).

I wanted to take the opportunity to draw his attention to the ethics of war followed in every time and place:

1. The wounded must be tended.
2. Prisoners must be well treated.
3. The dead must be turned over to their relatives.

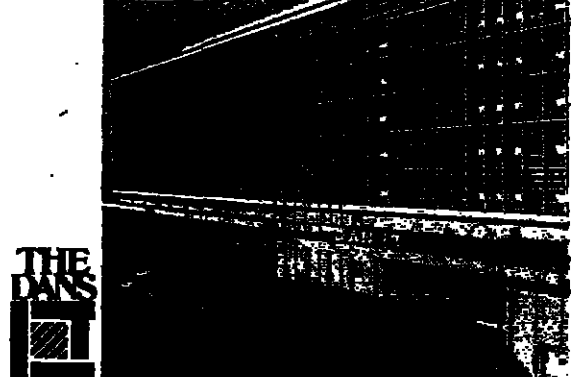
4. Abu Bakr's instructions - when he bade farewell to the army advancing on Palestine - must be adhered to. He said: "Do not slay babies, nor women and old men. Do not set fire to trees nor destroy houses. Neither should you pursue those who retreat from the battlefield. Do not mutilate corpses nor harm those who devote themselves to worshipping God."

But on this matter I would say, "Return your swords to their scabbards, and do not fight anyone, because the world is wide enough for all."

But who will listen to me, who will give it the least consideration. Here I say what the Messiah said: My kingdom is not of this world.

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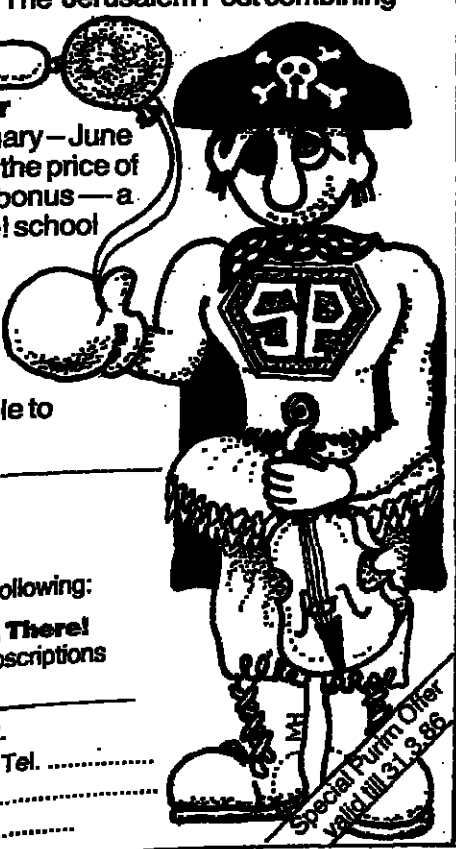
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# Water: more subsidy, or less waste?

Question: should we lower the price of a product that is in short supply and can't be imported?

Question: If it becomes clear that subsidizing this product will lead to higher consumption and cause the country extensive damage, should that subsidy be increased, or should the price of the product be raised so as to prevent its wasteful use?

In the opinion of Prime Minister Shimon Peres the price of water for agriculture and industry use should be lowered. That is what he said in an appearance before the plenum of the Agricultural Centre two weeks ago. It seems that the premier is not bothered by the fact that the country's water deficit now is equal to a full year's consumption and that overuse of the wells in the coastal area has led to their becoming saline.

At the same time that Peres was planning to lower the price of water, Agriculture Minister Arye Nehama announced his intention to lower water quotas by 10 per cent and the government (on Sunday) authorized emergency limits for water con-

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sumption.

Agriculture Ministry Director-General Meir Ben-Meir said that stopping the irrigation of 350,000 dunams as a result of the emergency would lead to a reduction in agricultural exports, fewer produce for the local market next summer and less profits for the farmers.

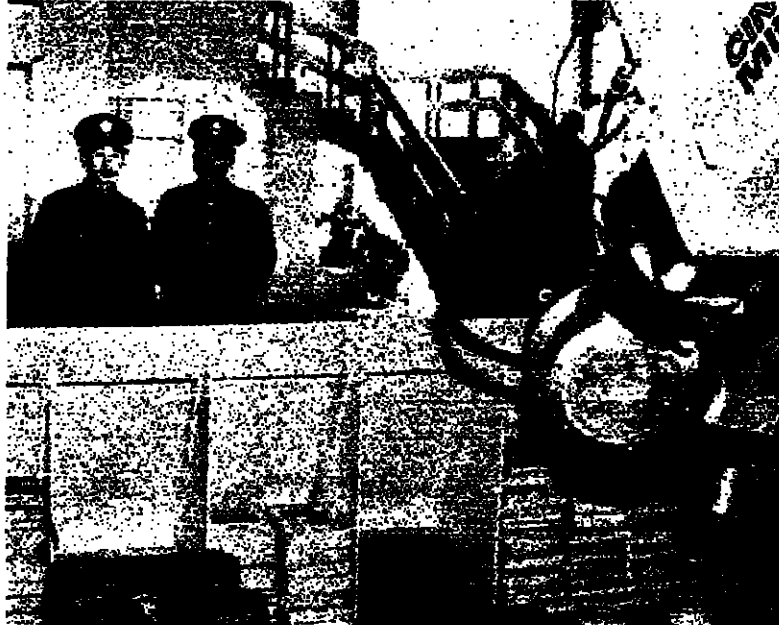
During the past few years, farmers continued to grow cotton even though it was not worthwhile from the viewpoint of the national economy. Growing cotton was especially unprofitable in the Negev, but farmers continued cultivating it due to the massive subsidizing of the price of water by the government. Despite these subsidies, however, cotton growers lost money because the price of cotton kept dropping on world markets.

It is clear that water subsidies for cotton growers will indirectly lead to interruptions in the supply of vegetables this summer and even the supply of water for home use. But apparently, Premier Peres is of the opinion that he has to help the agricultural sector, even at the expense of the general economy. He said the crisis in the cotton industry is of a temporary nature and can be solved with \$40 million.

Heavily subsidized water also leads to overuse, which in turn, requires fresh investment to find new sources of water — a further drain on foreign currency reserves.

Leadership, then, is not measured by promises made to every sector with which the leader is in sympathy. Leadership means responsibility to the entire economy.

It would be useful if the premier acted to prevent waste and to make agriculture more efficient in the long term, by forcing farmers to turn to crops that are of greater benefit for the whole economy.



Two soldiers admire a robot in action at the "Machine Tools China 1986" exhibition in Peking this week. (France Presse)

## Port pilot makes payment for negligence at the helm

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
HAIFA. — The Ports Authority and one of its Ashdod harbour pilots have agreed to pay jointly for part of the damage caused by a ship while it was being guided into port.

This is the first time that the Authority has agreed to pay for damage caused by a ship while under the control of one of its pilots. In making the settlement, the Authority and the pilot stressed they were not admitting responsibility for the damage caused.

The settlement, endorsed by District Court Judge Michael Ben-Yair, is likely to serve as a precedent. So far the Authority has always maintained that under port regulations a ship's captain bears sole responsibility, even though the use of a pilot is mandatory.

The case is that of the Swedish freighter Thebeland, which was being piloted into Ashdod harbour by Shlomo Avni. The swell caused by the ship sank four fishing boats, which were moored in the port at a location where no anchorage, is allowed. One boat was a total loss and the others were refloated and repaired.

The owners of the boats sued the Thebeland for \$100,000.

Haifa attorney Dr. Rudolf Gottschalk, acting on behalf of the ship's owners, asked the Haifa Admiralty Court and subsequently the High Court, to allow him to sue the Ports Authority and its pilot. He argued that the pilot had been negligent in failing to make sure that the trawlers were moored in a safe place.

The pilot should also have prevented the Thebeland from going ahead at a speed that resulted in the strong swell which sank the trawlers. The Ports Authority and its pilot

in debt partly due to poor planning by past chief executives.

It is certainly in a financial crisis it cannot resolve on its own. Current chief executive Dieter Hoffmann has failed in his bid to raise enough cash to salvage the company by selling tens of thousands of apartments. The housing market in the Federal Republic of Germany is saturated and a mere 50,000 *Neue Heimat* apartments have so far been sold.

The Bundestag recently dealt with the *Neue Heimat* affair, which weighs heavily on the entire German housing market. The company's predicament is hard to believe. It is a non-profit firm that has enjoyed billions in tax relief and built extensive low-cost housing in the immediate post-war period.

It has received over DM10b. in government grants and tax breaks toward low-rent housing. But instead of keeping to inexpensive homes for a wider public, the trade union-owned firm built luxury apartments in Paris, a deluxe hotel in Monaco, and began to stockpile unsuitable building land. No sign of a solution to its problems is in sight.

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## HOUSING BRIEFS

of Contractors and Builders. It said the nine biggest building companies sold 404 flats in February, compared with 354 in January and 347 in February of last year.

**FOUR NEW HOTELS** in Jerusalem are expected to be completed and ready for operation by the end of this year. They are the Hyatt Mount Scopus, the Cohen Hotel on Sderot Herzl, the Mount Zion Hotel and Hotel Hefzaba, at the entrance to the capital from the Tel Aviv highway.

**ISRAELI ARABS** living in urban areas suffer more from overcrowding at home than do Israeli Jews, David Cohen, chairman of the Histadrut's tennat's protection committee says. He notes that while the average occupancy per room among Jews is 1.1 persons, that in the Arab sector is two per room. Farhan Sa'ad, secretary of the Histadrut's branch in Haifa's Wadi Nisnas section, claims that 150 Arab homes in the neighbourhood are "not fit for human habitation" and another 50 must be renovated immediately to avoid the danger of collapse.

**NEUE HEIMAT**, the largest housing corporation in Europe, has 300,000 housing units, one million tenants, nearly DM18 billion in debts and DM1.7b. in payments due in the short term. The king-sized company, which belongs to the German trades union confederation (DGB), is deep

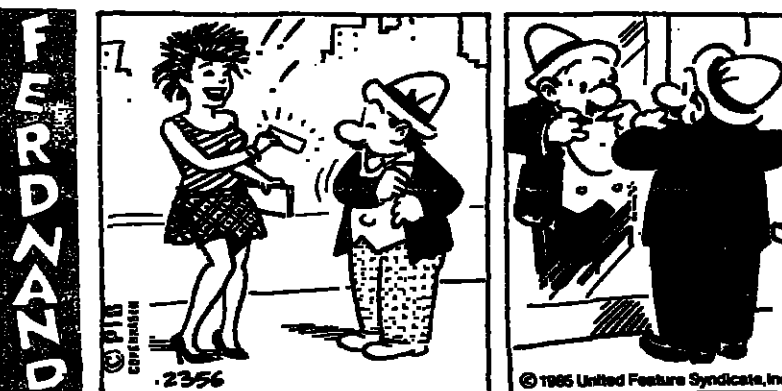
By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**PROPERTY** appreciation taxes will not be charged in cases where a would-be home-buyer transfers his claim against a bankrupt builder to his insurance company, the Income and Property Tax Division has ruled. The Treasury spokeswoman said: "Cautious home buyers who have insured their investment in a new home with an insurance company and were left out in the cold when the builder filed for bankruptcy, may not retrieve the full coverage of their policy when they transfer their rights with the contractor to their insurer." She added that the insurance company, as rightful owner of the claim, will be liable to pay a purchase tax based on the "real" value of the property.

**NEW FLAT PRICES** should go up by "at least" 21 per cent, according to economists at the Ashdod Building Company of Tel Aviv. They base this on what they say is the gap between the increases in the Construction Inputs Index since June 1985 and that of the dollar's exchange rate of that month. The Construction Inputs Index monitors the price levels of all constituent costs in construction, including land, building materials and labour.

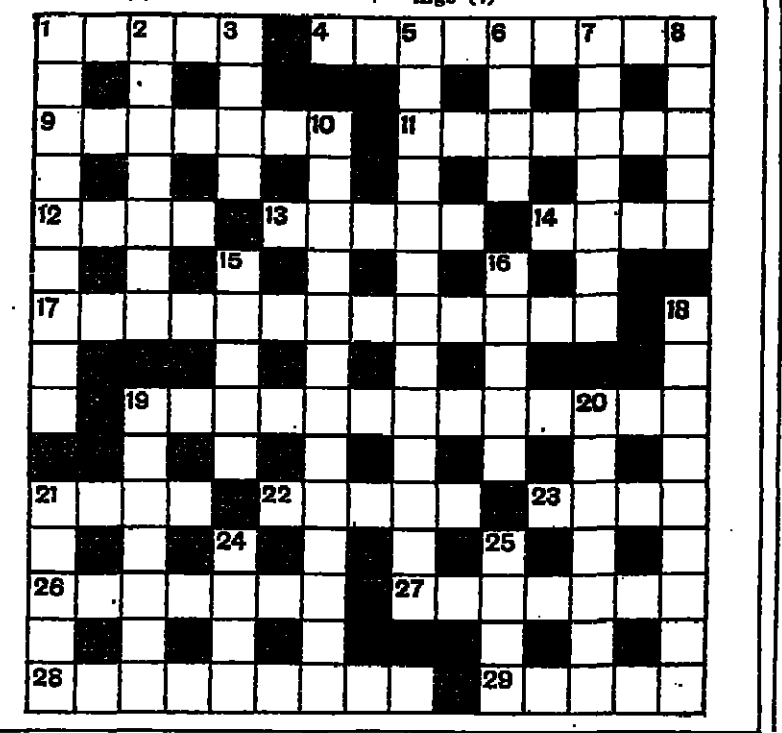
**A 24-HOUR DOORMAN** service, marble paneled lobby and central airconditioning are included in the price of the 40 flats being offered by Bonim V'Yotzrim Contracting Company at their Pinkas Towers site in North Tel Aviv. A 230-square-metre penthouse unit is priced at \$240,000 plus VAT.

**THE PACE** of new home sales by private builders picked up last month, according to the Federation



## ONE-ON-ONE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ecclesiastical joint? (5)
  - 4 No shaver old chap? (9)
  - 9 Cracking fellow at the "King's Head"? (7)
  - 11 In poor condition, we're heard to ask for sympathy? (7)
  - 12 & 13 Pipe-smoking book-keeper venomous by nature? (4, 5)
  - 14 Discouraging sound from Solo? (4)
  - 17 Sportsman whose enervation appears to be sapped (3, 2, 8)
  - 18 First course for fledglings? (5, 4, 4)
  - 21 Toy bird (4)
  - 22 From the same family as 27, catchy on the side (5)
  - 23 A stop for a drop of water (4)
  - 24 Looks more desolate left in the cup? (7)
  - 27 Drums of paint I'm blending (7)
  - 28 It makes swan rebel high up in Tayside (3, 6)
  - 29 National growth tangled in weeds (5)
- DOWN**
- 1 Pacifying go-between for William Thackeray? (9)
  - 2 Unhappy that theatre row's occupied, we hear? (7)
  - 3 Public exhibition from Edgar Allan's first wife, so to speak (4)
  - 5 Not slow to say one is sorry (7, 6)
  - 6 Go in head first (4)
  - 7 No heartbreak for someone else (7)
  - 8 Entertainment at Diana's arm (5)
  - 10 Scarlet, angry and tender — but she cares (3, 5, 5)
  - 15 Sound asleep (5)
  - 16 Animal seen by many in quiet surroundings (5)
  - 18 Know-how of the master: over one's English (9)
  - 19 March dweller from the cold North seemingly (7)
  - 20 Work like Aida, note (7)
  - 21 Food for a newly-born brought up under Rex... (5)
  - 24 ... and the bird to serve it (4)
  - 25 Prophet hungry in the mornings (4)



## TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

### ON THE AIR

#### Voice of Music

- 6.02 Morning Melodies  
7.07 Handel: Sonata for Recorder: Vivaldi; Motet  
7.30 Handel: Concerto Grosso; Beethoven: "Egmont" Overture; Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5; Caschieri: Violin Sonata; Mahler: Symphony No. 1 (Musi)  
9.30 Fodor: Symphony No. 4; J.C. Bach: Duet; Mozart: Quartet, K.498 (Melos); Schumann: 6 Fugues after Bach; Mahler: "Lieder eines Fahrenden Gesellen" (Fischer-Dieskau); Bartok: Divertimento for Strings (Dorati)  
12.05 Bolshoi: Sonata for Bassoon; Haydn: Quartet, Op. 71, No. 1; Donizetti: String Quartet  
13.00 Kablevsky: "The Clowns"; Stravinsky: "Pulcinella"; Sufir: Rossini: Excerpts from "Barber of Seville"; Khachatryan: Masquerade  
15.05 From the Record Library  
16.05 J.C. Bach: Sonatina; Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 5; Caschieri: Violin Sonata; Liszt: "Faust" Symphony  
18.30 Yehudi Menuhin: Dan Kanar, narrator — works by Satie, Poulenc, Gilels and Hiller  
20.05 Telemann: Quartet; Mendelssohn: "Fingal's Cave"; Overture

#### First Programme

- 6.03 Programmes for Olim  
7.30 Favourite Old Songs  
8.05 Compass — with Benny Hendei  
9.05 Hebrew songs  
9.30 Encounter — live family magazine  
10.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew  
11.10 Harpur  
12.05 Oriental song requests  
13.00 News in English  
13.30 News in French  
14.05 Children's programmes  
15.05 Notes on a New Book  
16.05 Where are the Graves of Esther and Mordechai? (repeat)  
17.20 Purim songs  
18.05 Bible Reading  
18.30 Reading of Megilat Esther in Jerusalem  
20.30 Programmes for Olim  
22.05 Ephraim Kishon's 60th Birthday Party (part 2, repeat)  
23.05 Fancy Dress and Masks (repeat)

#### Second Programme

- 6.12 Gymnastics  
6.30 Editorial Review  
6.53 Green Light — drivers' corner  
7.00 This Morning — news magazine  
8.05 Safe Journey  
9.05 House Call — with Rivka Michaeli  
10.10 All Shades of the Network  
12.10 Crazy songs  
13.00 Midday — news commentary, music  
14.05 Skits and Humour  
15.10 Overdrive  
17.10 Economics Magazine  
18.05 Purim in the past  
19.05 Today — radio newsworld  
19.35 New World — environment magazine  
20.05 Cantorial Requests  
21.05 Blessings and Curses  
23.05 Quizzes

#### Army

- 6.10 Morning Sounds  
6.30 University on the Air  
7.07 "707" — with Eitan Lifshitz  
8.05 Good Morning Israel  
9.05 Popular songs — Purim programme  
11.05 Israel's Purim — with Eli Yisrael  
13.05 Entertainment — with Dorit Ben-Ze'ev  
16.05 What's Doing — with Eric Tal  
17.05 Hannah's Lesson's Shabbat Dress  
17.00 Evening News  
18.05 Purim Programme  
19.05 Skits and Humour  
21.05 Meet — TV Newsworld  
21.30 Skits and Humour (continued)  
23.05 Sharon Lifshitz in a live performance

#### QUICK CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Grinder of corn
  - 4 Trail
  - 8 Aristocratic
  - 9 Good boy
  - 10 Detested
- DOWN**
- 1 Philippines port
  - 2 Book collection
  - 3 Large mammal
  - 4 Agile
  - 5 Precise
  - 6 Frozen Arctic plain
  - 7 Dwelling
  - 13 Other map (anag.)
  - 16 Spouse
  - 17 Centre
  - 19 Phantom
  - 20 Shellfish
  - 22 Snake
  - 24 Card game

#### Yesterday's Solution

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bars, 3 Knuckles, 9 Shyly, 10 Vulture, 11 Lary, 13 Succumbed, 14 Sedate, 16 Mocher, 18 Overstuffed, 19 Sun, 20 Lendings, 21 Short, 22 Haystack, 26 Blue, 27 Short, 28 Rob, 4 Novice, 5 College, 6 Landress, 7 Slender, 8 Alas, 12 Wednesday, 14 Stomach, 15 Tilted, 17 Breeze, 19 Wasp, 21 Mitre, 24 Owl.

## SPOTLIGHT ON CHINA

### Two special economic zones

Less well-known than the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) of Shenzhen and Zhuhai, the zones of Xiamen and Shantou have developed at a slower pace than their rivals. The reason is relative inaccessibility. Both Shenzhen and Zhuhai border on Hongkong and Macau; whereas Xiamen and Shantou lie further north, facing outwards the Taiwan Straits.

A high proportion of former residents of the Shantou zone make up the overseas Chinese community of Southeast Asia and the West. The diaspora factor is one of the key reasons why Xiamen and Shantou were chosen as SEZs. With poor communications and a relatively underdeveloped industrial infrastructure, the two cities have staked their initial development prospects on the generosity of their overseas kinsmen.

Yet relatively little international capital has come into the two SEZs from non-ethnic Chinese sources. In fact, Shantou has not attracted any investment at all from non-Chinese sources. Xiamen has been better placed and has signed contracts for over 20 joint ventures partially funded by overseas companies. However, few of those businesses are from the U.S. or Europe. It is

Hongkong and Japanese businessmen who dominate investment in Xiamen.

The two cities suffered economic stagnation from the 1950s to 1979 mainly because of the inward-looking trade policies during the Mao years, but also because of the two ports' proximity to Taiwan.

However, the central government is now trying to turn the proximity to Taiwan into an asset. Xiamen has been authorized by the government to trade directly with Taiwan. And that trade is taking place despite the Taiwanese government's legislation to prohibit such contacts.

This parallel trade between Taiwan and also Hongkong has provoked the central government into issuing export licence quotas to the SEZs in order to prevent an outflow of high-value merchandise through the relatively free-wheeling SEZ corporation.

But those export licences have hurt some of the foreign-financed ventures operating in the SEZs. Although curbing illegal exports, the licences have suffocated certain enterprises which cannot get a high enough licence quota.

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## WHAT'S ON

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### JERUSALEM

**Museums**  
**ISRAEL MUSEUM.** Exhibitions: Art in Context, audio-visual programme on development of Israel Art, Early 20th Century Posters (avant-garde), Traditional Jewish Religious Jewellery, Ancient Mirrors, display of mirrors from different cultures, "Friendly Butterfly", illustrated by Orah Eyal, From the Depths of the Sea, (Rockefeller Museum) Building in Jerusalem, computer game to building with stone, "Nerot Mitzevot", Ideas for Light in Jewish Ritual, The Cosmic and the Divine, Andean textiles, 14 artists present versions of surrounding landscapes, (Paley Centre, near Rockefeller Museum), Permanent collections of Judaica, Archaeology, and Ethnic Art, Visiting Hours: Evenings Main Museum: 4-10 (includes Shrine of the Book), 11 and 12:30: Adventure in Jerusalem, puppet show, 3: Guided tour of Shrine of the Book in English, 4: Purim Kaleidoscope, games and stories, 4:30: Guided tour of Museum in English, 6 and 10-2: 5-9, Sat. 11-2, Fri. closed. Helel

**Exhibitions**  
**JERUSALEM MAP HOUSE.** Old City, 7 Beit El St., 288338, 423547. Roberts, Turner, etc.

**Conducted Tours**  
**HADASSAH.** Guided tour of all installations, Hourly tours at Kinyat Hadassah and Hadassah Mt. Scopus. Information, reservations: 02-416333, 02-448271. No tours tomorrow, Shushan Purim, March 28.

**TEL AVIV**  
**Museums**  
**TEL AVIV MUSEUM.** Exhibitions: Dgn Kufka (1938-1979). Sculptures, drawings, paintings, photographs. The Want of Matter, a Quality in Israel Art, 21 elite Israeli artists show work of last 25 years. The Museum's collection of classical, impressionist, post-impressionist and contemporary art. Museum Visiting Hours: Sun-Thur. 10-2; 5-9, Sat. 11-2, Fri. closed. Helel

**HAIFA**  
**Muse**



## MARKET PLACE

MACABEE DEAN

### The micro and the macro of things

Some time ago I wrote a polite letter to the editor of *Ha'aretz* which ran something like this:

"Dear Mr. Gershon Schocken; if you can't deliver your paper every day as promised, how can you convince me that you and your scintillating staff know better than those in the government how to eliminate our adverse balance of payments, how to balance the budget, or how to impose effective taxes? Is it more difficult to organize the proper delivery of your paper than to reduce the country's huge external debt? How much credence can we give to your macro pearls of wisdom, when you can't master micro grains of sand?"

Being archaic economists is one of several deeply entrenched characteristics of Israeli society. These side-line critics are something akin to the financial advisers in the banks. They can't make their salaries last until the end of the month, but they know how to advise others how to invest and make millions.

All these amateur strategists have two things in common: a singular ignorance of the relevant facts, and brilliant hindsight. Had someone taken their advice months or years ago, things would have been better, they keep telling us.

But when it comes to telling us what to do now, we find that they have a multitude of conflicting opinions, viewpoints and policies.

And when one of the prophets is tapped for a key position and has a chance to actually do something, he finds that the view from the inside is very different from that on the outside. Constraints and the need to pay off political debts tie his hands at every step.

Perhaps the outstanding cause of their defeat is their belief that financial problems can be solved by juggling funds from one sector to another, instead of getting down to hard work; and that a problem can be solved by drawing up a plan — forgetting that the most brilliant plan will be useless unless someone can be found to implement it.

We are excellent jugglers and planners, but bad workers and implementers.

Another of our characteristics is the tendency to blame the bloated bureaucracy for virtually everything — from sitting on papers for weeks and months, until a project stagnates, to simply losing the papers submitted.

Now, this is a gross exaggeration. No one is perfect, and even the worst bureaucrat slips up now and then and does something right.

But our main point is that instead of demanding the blood of the bureaucrats, it would be wiser to take steps to upgrade them.

Like death and taxes, we constantly demand long-range economic and financial planning and the abandonment of the present policy of putting patch on patch, of a financial fire brigade rushing from place to place to put out economic fires, of muddling through.

Yet, until the world settles down to sanity, until peace comes to the Middle East, financial and economic muddling through is probably better than drawing up a rigid long-range plan — which must be sharply differentiated from having long-range goals that can be reached in a variety of ways. Muddling through provides flexibility, and engenders the ingenuity to tackle each problem as it arises instead of trying to sweep it under the carpet, since it does not fit in with preconceived planning.

Muddling through seems to be a prerequisite of every democracy, which is certainly better than any other form of government.

We must learn to muddle through better.

And then we have our own home-grown variety of brinkmanship. We are always tottering at the edge of any abyss, and we are always caught by one fit of public hysteria after another. Before we can think things through and make up our minds, our leaders hit us with another devastating problem.

Incidentally, Schocken never answered my letter. But his local agent phoned a week later and prostrated himself with promises of better service. And service did improve. But the improvement in micro service is still not good enough to convince me of the wisdom of his macro thinking.

EROS. — The statue of Eros, the amorous archer, was returned yesterday to its rightful place in London's Piccadilly Circus. The 200 kilo aluminum statue, which had stood poised over Piccadilly since 1893, was removed for restoration in August 1984.

## BUDGET

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needed to cover the budget deficit could be raised by taxing luxury flats, a measure already approved by the cabinet. They also proposed selling government-owned corporations and taxing premiums paid to managerial insurance schemes.

Moda'i, meanwhile, faced rebellion in the ranks of his Likud faction on the extension of the vehicle taxes. MK Dan Tichon, a party backbencher, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that there was not a chance in the world that the extension would get through the Knesset Finance Committee. "They should stop looking for new taxes all the time, and cut government spending," he said.

He added that those who had

agreed to a vehicle tax themselves use government-supplied cars. "They simply do not know the tax is in some cases as high as one month's salary," Tichon said.

Moda'i said after the meeting that the participants agreed that budget limits would not be overstepped. He admitted that the issue of the education levy remained open, but stressed that all those taking part in the debate had agreed that the overall budget sum approved in the first Knesset reading be the same as the one that will appear in the second and third readings.

"There is a good chance the budget will be tabled for second reading before the new fiscal year starts," he added.

## POLITICIANS FIGHT

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natural constituency, Ramon appears to be saying.

MK Avraham Shapira (Agudat Yisrael) wants to increase the tax on petrol. He knows that relatively few ultra-Orthodox voters own cars, and that their children, unlike most secular children, are transported to school by government subsidized yellow buses.

So a week before the new fiscal year begins, the politicians are still arguing about which part of the population will suffer more.

In the framework of "cutting" the budget, the government continues to find ways of increasing the tax burden on Israelis, until life becomes unbearable.

The tax burden in this country is already the heaviest in the world. In no other country with a per capita income similar to Israel's does the population pay anywhere near 47 per cent of the Gross National Product in taxes, as is the case here.

It has become clear that all the cutbacks the government adopted are to remain on paper; in practice, the government deficit will be reduced only by constantly increasing taxes.

But the government's economic plan, which calls for reducing the deficit by cutting the budget or by

raising taxes, is obsolete. The programme was put together before oil prices dropped, along with the interest the Israeli economy must pay on its foreign debts. The value of the dollar has also dropped in world money markets since the plan was conceived. All of these factors have benefited the Israeli economy, at least for the moment, but the government is still keeping to the original programme.

If any part of the original plan should be preserved, it is the dismissal of government workers. This was intended to change the structure of the economy and reduce the hidden unemployment which saps the country's economic strength. But Peres has already prevented implementation of recommended dismissals.

For some reason, getting the building industry moving again — including Solei Boneh — is now seen as the way to achieve growth. This is apparently why Peres and Finance Minister Moda'i have decided to help that sector by speeding up the construction of the Mamilla commercial centre in Jerusalem and building a shopping mall in Bat Yam. The hoped-for economic growth has suddenly taken the form of building commercial centres.

Maybe there is a secret plan to export Mamilla. But I haven't heard of it.

## MATZA

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produced by the firm so far this year had been shipped to other towns for marketing. Rabina refused to specify where the matza had been sent, fearing that fires would be started there as well.

Petah Tikva fire chief Hanan Levitan said yesterday that after the first fire six weeks ago, an Arab employee at the factory had been arrested on suspicion of arson. Levitan said all three fires were probably caused deliberately.

The Petah Tikva police refused to comment yesterday on the possibility of arson or to give details on the suspect arrested after the first fire.

The latest blaze broke out at about 2:30 a.m. yesterday. A factory employee working in a nearby building first spotted smoke coming out of the first floor of the storeroom.

Soon huge tongues of flame enveloped the building and clouds of black smoke covered Petah Tikva.

Firefighters arrived soon after the blaze broke out and battled the fire all night.

The 200,000 packages of matza stored on the first floor of the two-story building were destroyed during the early stages of the fire. But the firefighters prevented the blaze from spreading to the second floor, where another 150,000 packages were stored.

Eleven fire trucks from Petah Tikva, Be'er Brak, Givatayim and Ramat Gan, with three cranes and two bulldozers were used to fight the fire. By yesterday evening it was under control but not extinguished.

Industry Ministry spokesman Amiram Fleisher said he did not expect a matza shortage because other matza factories have agreed to step up production.

The Chief Rabbinate has granted permission to matza factories to operate during the intermediate days of Pesach if the need arises, the spokesman said.

One of the owners of Matzot Yisrael said on television last night that there would not be a shortage as long as the public refrained from panic buying of matza.

Matzot Yisrael and Matzot Avot are estimated to produce 40-60 per cent of the country's matza. They are owned mainly by the Danenberg, Wolf and Rabina families.

The firm was placed in receivership after the families quarrelled among themselves. But court-appointed receiver Yehzekel Flumin, who is now managing the firm, has brought about a reconciliation between the families.

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### MARKET STATISTICS

Indices:		
General Share Index	111.29	+0.51%
Non-Bank Index	124.52	+1.56%
Arrangement	105.25	+0.13%
Insurance	141.57	+3.42%
Commerce, Services	127.11	+1.08%
Real Estate	150.08	+1.70%
Industries	116.50	+1.49%
Textiles	140.01	+2.52%
Metals	108.86	+0.36%
Electronics	102.12	+1.71%
Chemicals	113.76	+1.24%
Industrial Invest.	118.96	-0.05%
Investment Cos.	130.77	+1.16%
General Bond Index	101.08	+0.05%
Index-linked Bonds	101.17	+0.07%
Fully-linked	102.44	-0.26%
Partially-linked	100.57	+0.29%
Dollar-linked Bonds	99.07	-0.07%
Short-term 0-2 yrs	100.81	+0.21%
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	100.97	+0.08%
Long-term 5+ yrs	100.00	-0.35%

Turnovers:		
Shares — total	NIS 8,658,600	
Arrangement	NIS 1,547,600	
Non-bank	NIS 7,112,000	
Bonds — total	NIS 3,988,900	
Index-linked	NIS 2,162,500	
Dollar-linked	NIS 1,826,400	
Treasury Bills	NIS 6,557,100	
Share Movements:		
Advances	225 (237)	
of which 5%+	79 (100)	
"Buyers only"	9 (25)	
Declines	80 (81)	
of which 5%—	28 (25)	
"Sellers only"	2 (2)	
Unchanged	88 (72)	
Trading Halt	46 (46)	
Bond Market Trends:		
Index-linked	12.14%	
3% fully-linked	Falls to 1%	

4.25% fully-linked	Mixed to 3%
80% linked	Rises to 0.5%
90% linked	Stable
Double-linked	Mixed to 1%
Dollar-linked	
Admon	Minor movements
Rimon	Minor movements
Gilboa	Mixed to 2.5%
For. Curr. denominated	Minor movements
Treasury Bills (monthly yield)	1.43% to 1.54%

<b>Arrangement yields:</b>	
IDB ord.	11.96%
Union 0.1	11.88%
Discount A	12.16%
Mitrahil r.	12.04%
Hapoalim f.	12.11%
General A	11.73%
Leumi stock	12.14%
Fin. Trade 1	10.88%

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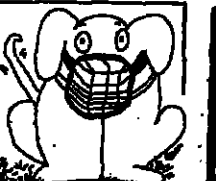
Name	Price	Volume	% change
<b>Commercial Banks</b>			
(last part of "arrangement")			
Maritime 1	1235	668	+2.3
General non-arr.	2930	183	-1.0
Fin. Ind. 1	3700	7417	+3.3
FBI	3540	3752	+1.2
<b>Commercial Banks</b>			
(last part of "arrangement")			
IDB 1	8035	139	+0.3
Union 0.1	59900	67	+0.8
Discount	102100	345	+0.2
Mitrahil	33010	223	+0.2
Hapoelim	54400	367	+0.2
General A	140250	17	+1.4
Leumi 0.1	34550	1855	-
Fin. Trade	47200	-	-
<b>Mortgage Banks</b>			
Leumi Mort. 1	4070	463	+4.9
Dev. Mort.	1055	2294	+0.7
Mishkan 1	1912	284	+0.1
Tefahot 1	12500	26	+5.0
Merav 1	2757	2456	+10.4
<b>Financial Institutions</b>			
AgriCo 1	34000	1	-2.0
Ind. Dev. DD	no trading	-	-
Clal Leasing 0.1	8924	44	+1.0
<b>Insurance</b>			
Anat 0.1 1	3891	b.o.2	+5.0
Hasaneh 1	2710	1940	-
Phoenix 0.1	1288	349	+0.1
Hamishmar	6400	50	+1.4
Manorah 1	6790	54	+3.7
Sahar 1	4897	1313	+10.0
Zion Hold. 1	12405	115	-

Trade & Services			
Meir Ezra	3900	510	-2.5
Supersol 2	4110	369	+1.0
Delek 1	4515	1987	+1.2
Lightage	6365	51	+1.2
Cold Storage	970	259	-10.0
Dan Hotels	3980	53	-
Yarden Hotel	2940	339	+2.2
Hilton 1	11988	38	+8.9
Team 1	1850	423	-
<b>Real Estate, Building and Agriculture</b>			
Azotim	3570	1190	-
Elion	1190	1289	+3.7
Africa Int. 0.1	39000	122	-
Deniker	350	930	+4.5
Prop. & Bldg.	2505	4866	-
Bayshore 0.1	4290	351	+0.9
ILDC 1	44400	377	-
Rasoco 1	5523	499	+2.6
Mezraim	5521	463	+4.8
Hadarim	1157	5311	+4.8
<b>Industries</b>			
Dubak 1	3168	468	+1.0
Pr-Ze 1	2272	2115	-10.0
Sunroof	5645	167	+2.6
Elite	14648	125	+5.0
Adgar	735	1931	+2.5
Argamim 1	7546	1082	+4.1
Delta G 1	4680	518	+4.5
Maquette 1	21800	4	-4.4
Eagle 1	8900	112	+3.5
Polgar 0.1	8115	1089	+1.2
Schoeller	15300	79	+2.7
Rogovin	3151	368	+1.5
Ordon 0.1 1	8448	56	-
Is. Can Co. 1	985	4455	+3.8
Zion Cables	2128	1047	+8.4
Pekker Steel	5671	1481	+4.2
Elbit 3	406000	19	+1.5

Elron	400000	19	+3.9
Arti	30193	454	-
Clal Electronics	2500	1711	-
Spectronix 1	1714	689	-5.5
T.A.T. 1	3610	187	+0.3
Akerstein 1	1250	1153	-2.2
Agan 5	1760	151	-1.0
Alliance	1308	1148	+15.0
Dexter	3190	155	+10.0
Fertilizers	10973	48	+5.0
Heifa Chem.	899	2173	+0.4
Teva 1	51100	181	+2.0
Dead Sea 1	13851	1417	+1.1
Petrochem	371	28951	+4.2
Neca Chem.	3300	295	+4.8
Frutaron	9571	185	-
Hadass Paper	176920	107	+4.7
Central Trade	6050	518	-
Koor p	4700000	0	-1.5
Clal Inds.	1453	15288	-
<b>Investment Companies</b>			
IDB Dev. 1	3518	2373	-
Elion	2755	1388	-
Arti 1	no trading	-	-
Galelet	1257	20	-1.6
Israel Corp. 1	8532	438	+5.0
Wolfson 1 1	71280	3	+8.0
Hapoelim Inv.	4010	281	-
Leumi Invest.	4845	371	-
Discount Invest.	2178	2939	+0.9
Mitrahil	16920	107	+8.6
Clal 10	2432	1064	-
Landeco 0.1	8100	11	-
Pama 0.1	10250	185	+1.3
<b>Oil Exploration</b>			
Pez Oil Expl.	10600	104	-0.9
J.O.E.L.	1230	1133	+3.8
<b>Abbreviations:</b>			
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**SHEKEL INTEREST RATES**  
PRIME BORROWING RATE: 1.25% per month  
Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	LAST UPDATED	TAPAS	PAKAM 7-DAY	PAKAM 30-DAY
LEUMI	24.3	8-13%	8-13%	9-14 %
HAPOLIM	13.3	10-12%	11-12%	12-12.5%
DISCOUNT	13.3	7-13%	7-13%	9-13 %
MIZRAHI	18.2	12-19%	12-20%	12-18 %
PRST INTL	12.3	6-15%	7-13%	6-13 %

Rates vary according to size of deposit.  
(TAPAS: demand deposit paying daily interest.  
Pakam: fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 59 days.)

### PATAH — FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (as of March 24)

	3-MONTHS	6-MONTHS	12-MONTHS
USD	6.875	6.875	6.875
STG	10.125	9.375	9.375
DMK	3.875	3.875	3.875
SFR	3.500	3.375	3.375
YEN	3.875	3.625	3.500

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

### SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS		BANKNOTES		BANK OF ISRAEL Representative Rate
		Purchase	Sale	Purchase	Sale	
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1.4808	1.4892	1.46	1.53	1.4887
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	2.2153	2.2428	2.18		2.28
GERMANY	MARK	0.6489	0.6570	0.64	0.67	0.6517
FRANCE	FRANC	0.2109	0.2138	0.20	0.22	0.2123
HOLLAND	GULDEN	0.5742	0.5813	0.57	0.59	0.5773
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	0.7723	0.7819	0.76	0.80	0.7775
SWEDEN	KRONA	0.2047	0.2065	0.20	0.21	0.2055
NORWAY	KRONE	0.2087	0.2092	0.20	0.21	0.2079
DENMARK	KRONE	0.1755	0.1778	0.17	0.18	0.1766
FINLAND	MARK	0.2894	0.2920	0.28	0.30	0.2903
CANADA	DOLLAR	1.0588	1.0720	1.04	1.09	1.0683
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	1.0803	1.0734	1.00	1.10	1.0878
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	0.7108	0.7196	0.60	0.66	0.7136
BELGIUM	FRANC	0.3108	0.3147	0.31	0.32	0.3186
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	0.8209	0.8323	0.91	0.96	0.9285
ITALY	LIRE	0.9523	0.9641	0.93	0.99	0.9586
JAPAN	YEN	0.8225	0.8399	0.82	0.86	0.8342
JORDAN	DINAR	—	—	4.08	4.33	4.1563
EGYPT	POUND	—	—	0.80	0.85	0.8603



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## Too much ado

IT IS NOW SIX days to the end of the fiscal year, and the debate over the 1986 budget which went through its first reading in the Knesset three months ago, still drags on in the cabinet itself. In the circumstances, serious parliamentary debate of the budget can hardly be expected.

The Treasury warns that if the framework of NIS 30.2 billion laid down six months ago is exceeded by a dreaded NIS 400 million, the resulting monetary avalanche will sweep away the entire economic stabilization programme. It is, therefore, imperative, so say Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and his assistants, to implement without delay the still pending budgetary decisions of the government, and to enact the necessary legislation.

There is something very odd in this argument. It contains no reference whatever to the significant changes in economic conditions that have taken place since the budget was originally drafted, and it takes no notice of the revenue side of the budget. There has, after all, been a fall in oil prices that may, in fiscal 1986, save the economy at least \$500 million, and possibly much more: only a fraction of the saving has so far been passed on to the consumer. There has also been a fall in interest rates abroad, which should have some bearing on the allocations for servicing the foreign debt.

Other changes could be cited - but the Treasury's gaze remains fixed on the expenditure side.

The Treasury is also rather selective in the choice of past government decisions on which it insists and on the tax increases that go by the name of budget cuts.

Thus while pensioners are to be taxed and benefits for invalids are to be cut, and while parents are to pay a levy for the compulsory education of their children, the use of company cars is to remain tax-free. People over 65 will be free to go on working (and paying national insurance premiums), but their old-age benefits are not to be augmented.

At the same time, the premiums paid for "managers insurance" are to stay untaxed to assure comfortable pensions to the managerial class.

When the budget was originally drafted, the atmosphere was still one of immediate economic crisis. The argument then was that in an emergency considerations of social justice must take second priority. If that argument was ever plausible, it has become far less so in the past six months. Social justice should therefore be restored to its rightful place in the order of priorities.

If the danger of overrunning the original budget is indeed as great as the Treasury depicts it, then social injustices must be done away with in that framework.

The Treasury itself has suggested, according to one report, that the travel tax be raised next summer to \$200: this should bring in as much revenue as the tax on pensions. A tax on the use of company cars could yield the entire \$15 million over which Health Minister Mordechai Gur is doing battle with Mr. Moda'i. A tax on luxury flats might equal two-thirds of the revenue expected from the education levy.

The budget needs revision. But if time and political pressures do not allow for the most urgent of the required reordering of priorities, then the sky will not fall in even if the budget framework itself is exceeded by one per cent.

## The case of Kulas

A GREAT legal luminary the chairman of the Knesset Law Committee, Eliezer (Eli) Kulas, is not, and has never been reputed to be. But then there is nothing in the Knesset regulations that says the chairman of the committee must be a great legal luminary, or for that matter even hold a law degree. A law student struggling against impossible odds to graduate at the bottom of his class would certainly do, under the regulations.

Nevertheless, even in a democracy *noblesse oblige*, and the custom has over the years developed of awarding this high legislative office only to a known and respected jurist. So that when, in 1981, a youngish freshman deputy still engaged in a protracted effort to finish his legal education, was chosen by his Liberal colleagues to head the Law Committee, there were expressions of dismay.

Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor, himself a Liberal, scolded his faction by querying, publicly: "Are you all crazy? The Liberal wing (of the Likud) doesn't have a more serious candidate than Kulas?" The Liberal justice minister, Moshe Nissim, too, was reported to be appalled. But political considerations prevailed, and Mr. Nissim was overruled.

Since then Mr. Kulas has been doing his yeoman's best to overcome the initial prejudice against him, although with rather less than overwhelming success. He dutifully followed party directives, and would only come to notice when he helped scuttle such legislative efforts as the proposed basic law on civil rights, or when he pushed a retroactive amendment to the pensions law designed to accommodate a single person.

But now MK Kulas has become a celebrity, of sorts. Doubtless he wishes he were not.

For it is alleged that Mr. Kulas finally won his degree, and then his lawyer's licence, by trading on his parliamentary status to obtain special dispensation from the law school deans of the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv universities.

The allegations have been denied, not least by Mr. Kulas himself. The two law deans have disclaimed any wrongdoing on the chairman's behalf, and in any case he must not be condemned without a proper investigation. Such an investigation must now be undertaken, preferably by the Knesset Ethics Committee. And until that committee has handed down its report, it would be only proper for Mr. Kulas to vacate his high seat.

# Wave of disd: in

YOSEF GOELL

"WE GOT the two doctors; now let's get the professor," was one of the more memorable quotes from the recent Herut convention.

The "two doctors" who had hit the dust were Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar and Dr. Binyamin Ze'ev Begin. "The professor" in line to be tackled next was Prof. Moshe Arens.

The two doctors had been shot down in the only two votes that were held at the convention before it broke down in total pandemonium: Ben-Elissar lost to Moshe Katsav and Begin lost to Ariel Sharon. Arens was slated to run against David Levy for the chairmanship of the convention's steering committee.

The most telling reference was to Ben-Elissar, for he was running in the name of the David Levy camp, as opposed to Binyamin Begin, who was running for the Shamir caucus. The fact that the "wreckers", who we know by now to have come nearly entirely from the Levy camp, were determined to get Levy's man Ben-Elissar, too, is a chilling indicator of what was going on.

David Levy himself had had ample opportunity during the previous week to repeat his snide remarks about "doctors" and "uneducated" in replying to the eardrum-tearing comment by Arens about a mafia in the party.

Herut may survive this convention. But even were it supplanted by another party on the right, however, it would be no tragedy. Beginning with its predecessor in Jabotinsky's Revisionist Party, it has had a 61-year run. This is not a bad record, especially when one considers that it, and the Mafai precursor to today's Labour Party, which it arose to oppose, represented the political schisms that were racking the Jewry of East and Central Europe 50 and

60 years ago, but which have become somewhat meaningless today.

The implication of the unbridled hatred for "doctors and professors" and all they represent is much more worrisome for the future of Israel.

It is far from just Herut. Consider the following:

• In an international ranking of the level of high school students' performances in mathematics and the sciences, Israeli students came out lower than those of nearly all of the industrialized countries. Of those countries, only the U.S. ranked slightly lower than Israel. We can be proud of the fact that we also came out ahead of Zaire and Swaziland.

• A friend recently told me that a friend of his who marks SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Tests) taken by applicants to American colleges told him that many Arab students from East Jerusalem and the West Bank did much better in the mathematics part of those tests than did many of the Israeli students whose tests he had marked.

• Every year, the army gets some 1,000 new recruits rated as effective illiterates, after "passing through" nine years compulsory education.

• University educators keep on complaining of the sub-standard state of preparation in which they receive new students from the high schools, and army officers complain of the declining level of technical training in the vocational schools, as evidenced by the level of the recruits they get.

All of this is happening in the only sovereign state of the Jewish People, a people who have been said to treasure, above all other values, the importance of learning.

One could add to the above list the low esteem in which teachers are held in the country and, apparently, in which they hold themselves. One

only has to read many street names in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and elsewhere to recall the high esteem in which teachers were held in the early years of the *yishuv*, and of the state of Israel.

Anyone with a sense of himself as a Jew cannot but react with a deep sense of shame and consternation to the above bits of evidence.

Besides the sense of shame, there is a very real danger of Israel's losing the qualitative advantage which in the past permitted her to triumph over her stronger and more numerous enemies. But it is an advantage that she also sorely needs in order to deal with the myriad internal problems which have been badly neglected for at least the past two decades.

It may well be that such developments come in waves. If that is indeed so, one can only hope that we are at present deep in the trough of a wave of disdain for learning, intelligence and formal education, and that the only way forward is up, out of that trough.

But such waves do not happen of their own. Climbing up out of the trough entails leadership and direction, qualities that have not been too much in evidence either among our political "leaders" or in the educational establishment.

If there is any one area in which business-as-usual can pose a mortal threat to the future of Israel, the evidence cited, and the atmosphere evinced at the Herut convention - but not only there - would seem to point to the field of education, and our national attitude to it. Dealing with this problem is as important as the efforts being made to rescue the economy, and certainly more critical than the question of will or won't he - rotate, that is.

The writer is a Jerusalem Post political columnist.

# The fear within

ERIC MOSS

THE APPEARANCE of Meir Kahane and his crew on Israeli TV recently during their national party convention in Jerusalem, had chilling significance for me. I sent me back nearly 15 years to when I was a young psychology graduate student in New York City.

Kahane had gained some prominence with his Jewish Defence League (JDL) thugs in New York, where fighting hostile Blacks and Puerto Ricans in "ghetto" Brooklyn may have made some sense.

I went to hear him speak to a student group and I was, frankly, unimpressed and annoyed. The man was trying in an all too obvious way to make us see dangers that really weren't there and then led us to believe that he was the ideal one to help us confront these dangers - by violent means. If, I thought, he was selling cars, no one would have bought. Many in the audience reacted with laughter and scorn.

For myself and other students in New York in the early 1970s he continued to be a minor figure on the fringes of provincial Brooklyn, organizing disgruntled and frightened Jewish youths looking for action and outlets for their aggression.

Years passed. I finished my studies and came to live in Israel where I have worked in my profession ever since.

Then, some years ago, Kahane showed up in Israel. Perhaps he had not made much progress in Brooklyn and thought the market might be better here. I was stunned at the gullibility of Israelis. I had grown resigned to the phenomenon of Israelis indiscriminately adopting so much from America, but I was baffled by his acceptance here.

In America, his cheap game was so patently clear. Find a bogeyman - first the Communists, then the Blacks and Puerto Ricans - and go after him. Kahane had come to Israel and simply switched the bogeyman to the Arabs.

To the extent that anyone thought about him at all, they could not believe he really cared about anything more than making a name for himself. Media events were his goal.

The press became caught in the trap. How could they not report, for example, a major news event such as Kahane's attempt to enter the Arab village of Umm el-Fahm and convince the Israeli citizens there to emigrate. Even though he was stopped - and some 400 Jews who went there in solidarity with the villagers

did help stop him that day - Kahane still won visibility in the press.

A year later, his group convened at Binyanei Ha'uma. The TV newsmen there was caught in the dilemma of the liberal press: How to cover this news event and yet withhold support from and imply criticism of the movement? The newsmen tried to do so by reporting in an ironic and somewhat humorous vein. Humour is often a good ploy to take the wind out of an opponent's sails, but I doubt if it is enough in this case.

THREE YEARS ago, I wrote of my experiences as a member of an Israeli delegation to a European conference on the rise of neo-Fascism in Europe ("Double Images" *The Jerusalem Post* February 4, 1983). The situation of the Israeli delegates was a strange one. As Jews, it was only right that we had been invited. Yet, unlike our colleagues from Holland, Belgium, Germany, France and England, we could not report on any organized Fascist movement in our country.

So, somewhat smugly, we watched films from other countries, films showing arrogant right-wing thugs in their leather costumes facing off liberal and leftist demonstrators, who were occasionally beaten by police protecting the civil rights of the fascists.

This year we were treated by Israeli TV to similar scenes, only this

time at Binyanei Ha'uma, which is supposed to reflect the best of the nation. Is this what Herzl meant when he said we would be a country like all countries, that we, too, would have our own fascist party?

Without for a moment minimizing the real danger of this shameful, simplistic political organization, it seems to me that in the end, Kahane reflects trends and fears inside each and every one of us. Amos Alon wrote some years ago in *The Israelite* that most Israelis fight the Arabs each day and lose to the Nazis each night.

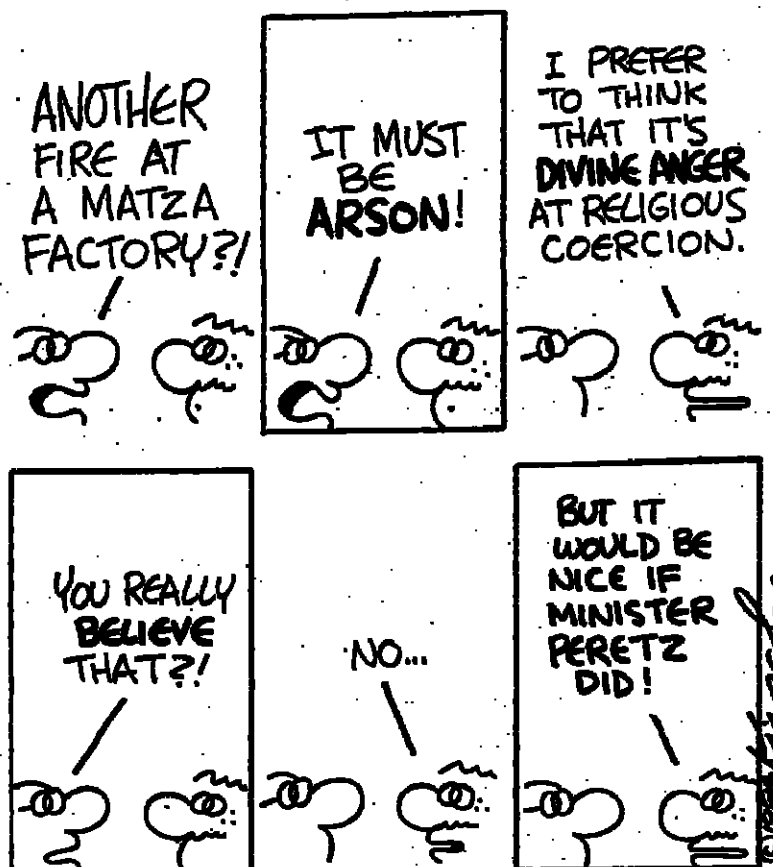
We all have fears and doubts: for our physical safety, our economic security, abilities and our children's welfare, to name a few.

The question is, what do we do with these fears? How do we handle them? Do we let them overcome us, or do we function well despite them? Rabbi Nachman said very wisely that all life is a narrow bridge and the main thing is not to be afraid.

Kahane and crew play on the lowest way of dealing with these fears. They find their source in people who look different. The solution they propose is seductively simple: Get rid of the other people. Psychology teaches us that this is a bankrupt strategy for individuals and society, because this strategy only helps us to avoid dealing with the real source of these fears, ourselves.

The writer is a clinical psychologist.

## Dry Bones



## READERS' LETTERS

### POLITICAL BUSYBODIES

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - Permit me an addition to your newscast of March 18 concerning the visit of the Bishop of Rome to the Rome synagogue. (Unlike certain "veteran" representatives of a major Jewish organization, I see no reason for referring to the Bishop of Rome as the "Holy Father.") Your report, quoting reactions from diverse Jewish quarters, also links the synagogue visit to the question of Vatican diplomatic relations with Israel.

The Vatican is undoubtedly an establishment of some diplomatic significance, and hence it is legitimate for political bodies (e.g. the Israeli Foreign Ministry and various Jewish organizations which, in crude but actual fact, are political - or rather pseudo-political - but certainly not religious) to desire full diplomatic ties. But a Jewish theologian is at liberty to dissent, even at the risk of the stupid accusation of "sabotaging" Jewish interests. (Stupid, because the Vatican will do what it deems expedient, and will be neither encouraged nor deterred by the busybodying and lobbying of Jewish organizations or by the opinions of Jewish theologians.)

As an Israeli citizen, I desire normal and full diplomatic relations with other bona fide sovereign states: Albania, if possible; San Marino, by all means. But why with an allegedly religious institution that tries to play the game of a sovereign state? A Jew should certainly be interested in better interfaith relations with other religious groups, including the one of which the Bishop of Rome is the head. (From the narrow local point of view of a Jerusalem citizen, "the" Bishop of Jerusalem is, of course, the Greek Orthodox Patriarch.)

But if the Bishop of Rome considers himself, on the one hand, the successor of him who said "that his kingdom was not of this world, and on the other claims all the prerogatives and privileges of a sovereign head of state (including Vatican passports and papal ambassadors/nuncios), this is his affair. A Jewish theologian with a minimum of Jewish self-respect is not bound to play this game. Those who make an issue of Vatican "recognition" of Israel should at least say that they are speaking not for Judaism, but as members of the club of political busybodies.

R.J. ZWIWERBLOWSKY  
Jerusalem.

### PIANO NEEDED

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - Our organization is seeking a piano for a blind woman who knows how to play the piano but cannot afford to purchase one. Since she is childless, unemployed and in need of constructive activity, we believe a piano would enrich her life significantly.

MIRIAM LIOR, Manager,  
Association for the Blind  
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### EX-LEODENSIANS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - Under the auspices of the Hitahdut Olei Britannia, we are organizing a Leeds evening. To facilitate this, I would like all ex-Leeds residents to contact me with their current address, telephone number, number of family members, etc. At 252 Hahashmonaim, Ra'anana, Tel. 052-453313 (home) or 03-474148 (work).

It would be interesting and, I feel sure, enjoyable to remember and perhaps relive a little of our past and renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

If this turns out to be a successful venture, it will be the first of many, covering other major centres of Jewish population in Britain and other parts of the world. RAY FISHER  
Ra'anana.

### ARTISTIC CRITICISM

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - I have often thought to write to you of my appreciation of Dora Sowden's reviews and other articles in *The Post*. Alas, like many good intentions...

I write now because the other afternoon, the subject of Antonio Gades's *Carmen* arose in conversation with a small group of friends, and within this context, there was general enthusiasm for Sowden's work. Particularly pleasant for me was that all these friends remarked upon the fact that there is in her work no element of the arrogance, the preening ego, and the general nastiness that pervades literary and artistic criticism and comment here in Israel and, indeed, often abroad. MICHAEL ELKINS  
Jerusalem.

## POSTSCRIPTS

P.S. A BEACH cricketer recently stunned a two-metre shark with his bat after it threatened his nine-year-old son while he was surfing.

Kevin Samson dashed into the water at a southern New Zealand beach to rescue his son and a friend when he saw the shark heading for them.

"I still had the bat in my hand and raced in and hit the shark on the head," Samson said.

He said the first two blows stunned the shark, but it began thrashing about as he dragged it by the tail to shore.

"I gave it a few more belts, but it was still writhing round on the beach for another three quarters of an hour," he added.

Mr. Charles D. Lieber, President of Lieber Publications, Lieber-Atherton, and Hebrew Publishing Company, all of New York, is visiting Israel from March 24 to April 3.

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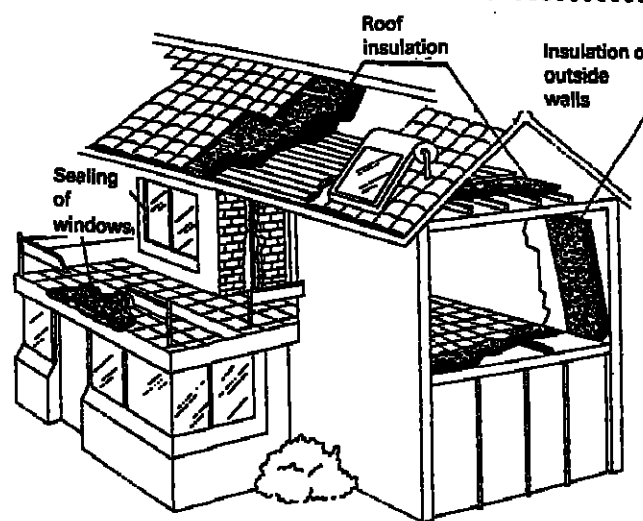
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